



Indiana's Transition Initiative

Local Transition Learning Opportunities Tips and Suggestions

Materials:

Video:

1. Transition: A Time for Growth – For families of young children with special needs moving from birth-to-three early intervention services. Produced by Bridging Early Services Transition Project. 12 minute video, cost \$55. Available through Child Development Media, Inc. @ 818.994.0933.
2. A Time for Transition (First Steps) – Produced by Marion County First Steps, contact Marion County LPCC Coordinator. Length 24.34 minutes.

Parent Guide:

1. Transition to Early Childhood Special Education – A Guide for Parents of Children with Disabilities, Revised (2002) Indiana Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners, Family and Social Service Administration, Bureau of Child Development. Copy available through web site: www.indianatransition.org.
2. Locally developed transition packet for families with a list and description of the options.

Suggestions for Events:

1. Have a panel presentation with representation from Head Start, School and representatives of other options in the community.

Example of agenda from event in St. Joseph County:

- Welcome and Introductions – First Steps/IEC Coordinator
 - Transition Nuts and Bolts – Local Providers
 - Part B Eligibility – School
 - Who, What, When, Where, and How of Head Start – Head Start
 - Team Building a Bridge – School
 - The Role of School Therapists, Community Options, Activities and Supplemental Therapy – Provider
 - Family to Family – F2F Regional Facilitator
 - Transition Folders – First Steps/IEC Coordinator
 - Panel Discussion – Presenters
2. Schedule a Brown Bag Video Viewing and discussion for families.
 3. One community asked about hosting an event at the location of a new community resource (a therapeutic riding program). They were going to include Head Start and school representatives to present information on transition and their programs and answer questions that families might have.
 4. Bring Head Start, First Steps and School representatives to a local Family Support Group Meeting to present information about transition and answer questions.
 5. Have a booth or station at a community fair/ health fair or event for families with young children.

- Have transition information and copies of the transition video available to handout to families.
Have the video running with personnel available to answer questions.
6. Host a transition information session at a local Head Start location.
 7. Host a transition information session at a local school with a preschool.
 8. Plan a community preschool emersion where the group goes from site to site visiting the Head Start, preschool and school special education options in the community.
 9. Plan a community emersion where the group goes to all the community sites that offer programs of services for young children turning three such as park and recreation programs, library programs, YMCA programs, gymnastics, riding, mom and tot programs etc.
 10. Put together a packet of information on transition and roll it at a community event for families. Follow up with a delivery to families who were not able to attend with a representative who could answer family's questions.
 11. Host a transition information sessions at a local library in the children's section. Show the transition video and have a question and answer period.

The directions and application for the local transition learning opportunities can be found on the web site: www.indianatransition.org.

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