

## SERVICES

- Facilitating orientations for families in their school buildings
- Coordinating with school personnel and preschools to assure that pre-kindergarten records are provided to the kindergarten teacher
- Providing kindergarten readiness resources and materials to families



## Kindergarten Transition Program

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*Preparing children for  
kindergarten, one skill at  
a time.*

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# CAPE: KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

## Brief History of CAPE

The Community Alliances to Promote Education (CAPE) is a proposal advocating educationally-based services in the Lafayette community. The Greater Lafayette Community Foundation began the CAPE Initiative by gathering a group of informed individuals to review and assess the community's educational needs.

The consensus of this group was that the most pressing educational needs involved at-risk, preschool children. The goal of the group "Vision 2020" is based on the following statement: "Education and learning in Greater Lafayette are recognized as the basis for a strong vibrant community and are high priorities from infancy through adulthood."

The CAPE Initiative includes four components:

- (1) *Early Care and Education Program*, modeled after Early Head Start and Even Start
- (2) *Parenting Education Program*, modeled after a research-based program from the University of Minnesota
- (3) *Kindergarten Transition Program*, which will be discussed in greater detail
- (4) *Research Program*, conducting longitudinal research on participants of the other three programs. All programs through the CAPE Initiative are covered by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, with CFRC acting as the fiscal agent for the project.



## Statistics

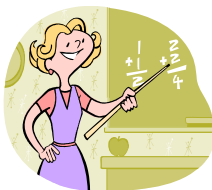
- Barriers in Tippecanoe County for school readiness include: lack of funds, inadequate preschool opportunities, lack of parenting skills, and malnutrition.
- In the Lafayette School Corporation about one-third of public school children are unprepared to enter kindergarten.
- Tippecanoe County's Early Head Start program has a waiting list of 300 families with only 40 openings for children.
- ISTEP scores in Lafayette are significantly below the state average.
- A child's initial adjustment to school affects his future academic achievement.

## Goals for Kindergarten

### Transition Program

The overall goal of the CAPE Initiative is improved educational attainment in Lafayette, which is a key component of the Kindergarten Transition Program (KTP).

KTP is a partnership between CAPE and local school corporations that will serve any family in the county entering a Title 1 kindergarten. The program is designed to orient families entering Title 1 schools throughout the county to their schools, to facilitate



the transfer of information from pre-

kindergartens to kindergartens or to assess students who did not attend pre-kindergarten, and to follow-up on those students during the first month of school.

The primary goal of KTP is to ensure that children successfully achieve the transition to kindergarten.

## Incentives for Families

Families who participate in any transition services or events provided by the Kindergarten Transition Program may receive:

- Transition backpacks
- T-shirts
- Books
- Activity ideas & readiness materials

All of these materials are designed to promote school readiness.

## Referring Families

If you know of any families with pre-kindergarten aged children who would be interested in the program, please contact Tara Olivo at the CFRC Head Start:

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In addition, if you have any information on kindergarten readiness or agencies who may have resources and/or interested families please let us know. We appreciate your willingness to help!

