

Transitioning Out of Early ACCESS Early Intervention Services

What is transition?

- Transition simply means changing from one program to another.

What happens when a child turns 3 and can no longer receive Early ACCESS services?

- The Early ACCESS service coordinator and Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team will talk with the family about their hopes and preferences for their child throughout their time in Early ACCESS. With family input, transition steps will be written on the transition plan which is part of the child's IFSP. Also, if the parents agree, their child may be evaluated to see if he/she qualifies for early childhood special education services.

What types of programs or community settings are available after a child turns 3?

- If a child qualifies for early childhood special education services, a meeting to develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be held. An IEP is the name of an education document or “plan” for children ages 3 to 21. Possible programs a child could attend include:
 - preschool classroom in a school district
 - Head Start classroom
 - private preschool
 - child care center, or
 - walk-in services.
- If a child does not qualify for early childhood special education services, the transition plan may include any of the following programs or the family may choose to continue with what their child is currently doing during the day:
 - local preschool,
 - child care center,
 - family child care provider’s home, or
 - Head Start classroom.