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Transitioning to Kindergarten

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Kindergarten Transition 101

A guide to help you navigate through kindergarten transition, IEP meetings, and establish connections with resources in the community.

Your child has graduated from Early Intervention Preschool Services . . . what's next?

The transition can be scary, but we're here to help!



Kindergarten Transition Process Timeline

January

- A list of children graduating from EIDT services is given to their school district.
- Parents will be notified of upcoming transition training opportunities



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February

- Parents will receive a call to set up transition meeting with a representative from the child's school district
- Your child will be evaluated by the school district



Kindergarten Transition Process Timeline

April – May

- Schedule a tour for your child to visit their new school
- You will be contacted by the school to review evaluations and have an initial IEP meeting



Your child is enrolled in Kindergarten, what's next???

The IEP [Individualized Education Program]

- An IEP lays out the special education instruction, supports, & services the student needs to thrive in school



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A 504 Plan

- A 504 plan is a plan developed to ensure a child received accommodations that will ensure academic success and access to the learning environment



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- Communication is key to a successful IEP or 504 plan. IEP not working? Call a meeting to discuss and amend the plan
- Be an advocate first, and parent second
- Don't sign until you are 100% comfortable with the plan.



What about Therapy?

SLP, OT, PT – Early Intervention and School Differences

- Therapy in school is educational focused only, while early intervention therapy is medically focused
- Should I continue Outpatient Therapy?



How to Pay for Therapy Services

- Therapies targeting educational services are required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA]. You *do not* have to use Medicaid to cover educational therapy services.



Transition Pointers for Parents

- Write a letter to the teacher with details about your child.
 - Are they verbal or non-verbal?
 - Do they have any triggers?
 - How do they signal a bathroom break is needed?

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

The key to a successful transition from early intervention preschool services to Kindergarten is communication! Don't be afraid to call or check in with the teacher and revise the IEP or 504 plan



Thank You!

Questions? Please Ask!

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