FIRST STEPS TRANSITION



WHAT IS A TRANSITION MEETING?

A transition meeting is a meeting that a First Steps Service Coordinator schedules with you (as parent/guardian), local school district personnel, and/or community based early childhood settings.



PURPOSE OF TRANSITION MEETINGS:

To create a smooth, successful transition for children receiving early intervention services through First Steps to preschool or other appropriate services.

WHEN SHOULD THE MEETING OCCUR:

Every child in First Steps will have a plan for transition before age 3.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- You, as parent or guardian
- Your First Steps service coordinator
- With your permission, a local school district representative (unless you prefer not to consider ECSE services)
- Representatives from community-based early childhood settings under consideration
- Any other individuals or service providers you feel might be helpful in developing a transition plan

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- Early intervention providers should share existing information about your child's present level of development, strengths and needs, and progress toward achieving his or her outcomes on the IFSP.
- The IFSP should be reviewed and revised to include a transition plan.
- Your plan should include the steps necessary for obtaining preschool services through your local school district if your child is eligible, or alternate plans if your child is not eligible.



For additional information or help in navigating transition, MPACT has on demand "Steps to Success" webinars available:

<u>https://www.missouriparentsact.org/early-intervention/early-childhood-program-and-training/</u>