

# Early Childhood Transition from EarlySteps (IDEA PART C) programs and services to Preschool (IDEA PART B) programs at Age Three during the Spring or Summer

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If your child is receiving early intervention services and it is suspected your child will continue to need services beyond age 3, he or she will be evaluated. If eligible for IDEA, Part B services, his/her services will begin at age 3. If your child turns 3 during the spring or summer, he or she will be screened by the teacher for Extended School Year Services (ESYS). If your child turns 3 before the school year ends,



the IEP Team will review the last Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and determine if your child is eligible for services during the summer. If eligible, you may choose to have your child receive ESY services during the summer. If the

IEP Team determines that your child is not eligible for services during the summer, services will resume when the next school year begins.

## When is your child eligible for IDEA, Part B services?

The local school system is responsible for determining eligibility for the IDEA, Part B services. If it is suspected that your child will continue to need services beyond age 2, this process, called a

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multi-disciplinary education (MDE), will be completed to determine if your child will be eligible for services under IDEA, Part B at age 3. A team of qualified professionals, along with your family, will make this determination. An evaluation will include the following:

- › **Hearing and vision screening**
- › **Health and medical history**
- › **Developmental history**
- › **Cognitive development**
- › **Adaptive development**
- › **Social and emotional development**
- › **Communication development**
- › **Present levels of functioning**
- › **Physical development**

If you suspect your child will still need services after their 3rd birthday, be sure to start talking to your Family Support Coordinator (FSC) when they turn 2 years, 6 months old about Preschool services. In addition, you can always contact Families Helping Families for additional support.

Enjoy your baby and celebrate all milestones they accomplish - no matter how small or large.



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