



Transition out of Birth to 3 - Frequently Asked Questions

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What is a Transition in Birth to 3?

A transition is any major event that impacts a child and family, such as moving out of the county or state, moving into or between programs, coming home from the NICU, changing a child care situation, or turning 3 years old. The most common transition is leaving the Birth to 3 Program at age 3.

What is a Transition Planning Conference (TPC)?

A Transition Planning Conference (TPC) is a joint planning meeting with the early intervention team, family, and LEA (local education agency) representative. The Birth to 3 Program will organize the TPC with the school at least 90 days and not more than nine months before your child turns 3 years old. The LEA will provide family rights and options for next steps to complete evaluation(s) for school services.

What is an Individualized Education Program (IEP)?

An IEP is a plan developed by the IEP team which indicates the child's annual goals, and specifies the special education and related services the child will receive.

What is the Local Education Agency (LEA)?

The Local Education Agency (LEA) is the school district in which you live. An LEA representative is a person on the IEP Team who has knowledge about, and can commit the school's resources so that the child receives the necessary IEP services.

Can my Service Coordinator or Primary Service Provider attend the IEP meeting with me?

Yes, you will have the opportunity to request for others to support you during the IEP meeting. Your EI (early intervention) Team is available to advocate your desired outcomes for your child. Others, such as family members and caregivers are also permitted to attend the meeting.

What is the Opt Out Policy?

The Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program is required by federal law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA Part C section 639 (a)(9)(A)(ii)(I)) to release limited contact information (your child's name and date of birth, your name and contact information) as a way to notify your Local Education Agency (LEA) and State Education Agency (SEA) of your Child's potential eligibility for preschool special education services at age three.



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If you do not want your child's name, date of birth, and parent contact information sent to your LEA or SEA when your child turns two years and three months of age through the required process of LEA and SEA Notification, inform your service coordinator of your decision to "Opt-Out" of LEA notification prior to your child turning two years and three months. If your child is referred to the Birth to 3 Program after the age of two years and three months, you must inform your service coordinator within ten days of being found eligible for the Birth to 3 Program of your request to opt out. You will be asked to sign consent to Opt-Out of the notification to your child's school district at the time of your decision to not send the notification to your LEA.

What if I decide to Opt Out and want to reverse my decision?

If you decide to reverse your decision of "Opting Out" you will sign a document to consent to reverse your decision, and a notification/referral to your LEA will be made no later than the point at which your child reaches the age of two years and nine months. To assist you with this process please connect with your service coordinator.

I am not ready for my 3 year old to attend school, should I decline the referral to LEA (local education agency)?

You know your child best and can choose to not pursue special education services for your child as a transition option for your child after the Birth to 3 Program. If found eligible by the LEA, special education services are provided by the school district to support your child's success in an academic setting. Services provided by the LEA are structured around the school system, but it is not school for your child. When your child is required to attend school, your IEP (Individual Education Program) team will discuss options for your child's services and coordinate the requirements for special education.

What happens if my Early Intervention (EI) team thinks my child is potentially eligible, but I do not want to pursue school services?

Your EI team will give you their professional and educational recommendations, but you know your child and family dynamics best; your option to decline school services is respected. You may choose to not pursue special education services for your child as a transition option for your child after the Birth to 3 Program. You can always make a written referral to the LEA after participating in the Birth to 3 Program.



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What happens if my Early Intervention (EI) team decides that my child is NOT potentially eligible, but I disagree?

You may disagree upon your EI team's recommendation that they are NOT potentially eligible for school services. You have the right to continue with a referral to the LEA, the LEA / IEP team will determine eligibility, and the results will be shared with you during an IEP meeting.

My child already exited the Birth to 3 Program and I had chosen to opt out but I will like to reverse that decision, what do you recommend?

If you wish to receive an evaluation for special education services, you will need to contact your Local Education Agency (LEA) yourself. You may also call the Child Find number at 414-874-8493 to make a referral.

For additional resources on Individualized Education Programs (IEP) go to:

[intro-se.pdf \(wi.gov\)](#)

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