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SELPA Guide

Transition from Early Start to IDEA

Students who are receiving services Early Start or Tri Counties Regional Center (TCRC) have an IFSP. Some of those students will be eligible for IDEA services provided by the LEA in which the student resides. For those students, questions have been raised on orderly transition and how electronic records are to be transferred and/or started. The purpose of this SELPA Guide is to address those issues.

Currently the SELPA and its LEAs have an agreement with TCRC (Dated January 21, 2005) that addresses transition of infants to preschool services. All service providers for 0-3 services and the LEAs should review their copy of the agreement. This agreement obligates 0-3 service providers to notify/invite the LEA in which the child resides when the child reaches the two and year six month IFSP meeting. The LEA of residence should then help plan the transition process, including any assessment that may be necessary to determine eligibility of the child for IDEA services. An IEP meeting must be held by the LEA in which the child resides prior to the child reaching three years of age. The LEA should invite Early Start staff and COE special education staff if the student is going to transition into COE programs.

For students who qualify for IDEA services the LEA assumes responsibility for services at the child's third birthday. Start dates on the IEP should reflect the school calendar and should not result in delays in providing services if school is in session.

Entry of IEP information into the SEIS system for the LEA in which the child resides may take place any time during the transition process. The LEA's IEP team may use SEIS to develop the initial IEP prior to the child turning three years old; however the IEP may not be affirmed and attested until after the student's third birthday.

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