



TRANSITION FROM BABIES CAN'T WAIT INTO THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM:

IDEA 2004 mandates special education services and supports be provided through the public schools for young children with disabilities beginning at age 3.

IDEA also mandates a "transition conference" between the BCW service coordinator, the family, and the local school system (LSS) to begin as early as nine months before, but no later than 90 days before the child's third birthday.

A parent/guardian must provide consent to the BCW Service Coordinator before the coordinator contacts the LSS for a meeting.

Children being referred from BCW are children with disabilities who

- Are approaching the age of 3
- Are transitioning from Babies Can't Wait
- Have an Individualized Family Service Program (IFSP)
- Are identified as being potentially eligible for preschool special education service

Transition team members: Parent/guardian, service coordinator, local school district representative, and other persons as appropriate

Transition team shall:

- Review IFSP, current objectives, therapy services, and/or prior interventions
- Randolph County School System obtains written consent to conduct a comprehensive evaluation
- Randolph County School System informs parent of registration and referral procedures and guides parents through this process
- Randolph County School System conducts comprehensive evaluation
- Parent/guardian, BCW coordinator, regular education provider (if appropriate), special education early childhood provider, and a local school district representative meet to participate in the eligibility determination and IEP development.
- The Randolph County School System implements the IEP on or before the child's 3rd birthday.
- If a child's 3rd birthday occurs during the summer, the child's IEP team shall determine the date when services under the IEP or IFSP will begin

It is the responsibility of the BCW Service Coordinator to initiate the transition team meeting with the Local School System.

If a transition meeting is not conducted prior to 90 days before the child's third birthday, transition guidelines will not take effect and the team will have 60 days past the date the consent to evaluate was signed to determine eligibility.

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