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Tips for Navigating Transition After EI...



1. Be Aware of Your Timelines.

“In our everyday lives we are always transitioning. We just don’t think about transitions or prepare for them as we will prepare for the transition out of Early Intervention.”



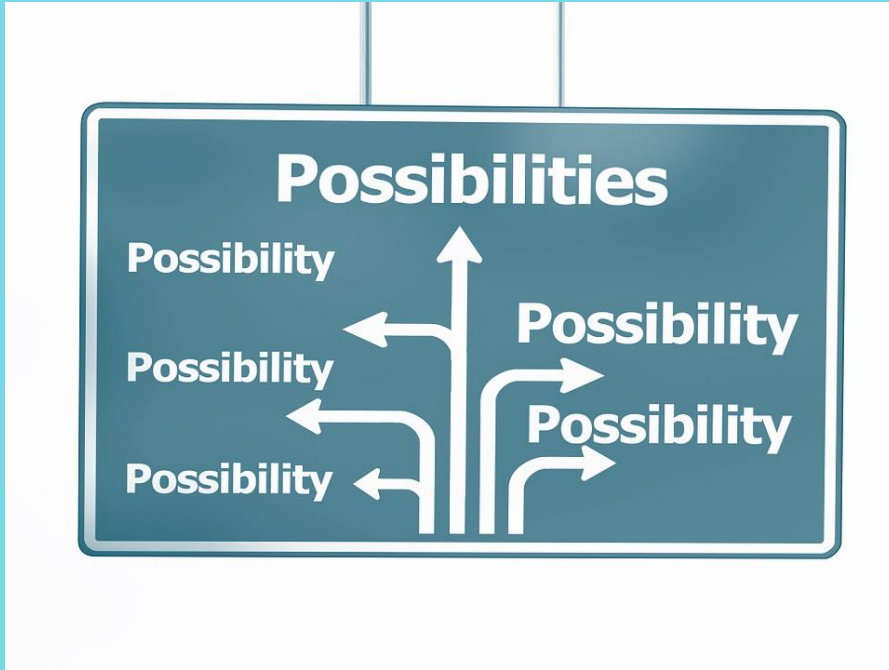
Talk to your team about how to best prepare for the upcoming transition that happens at age three.



2. Begin thinking about your vision for when your child turns 3

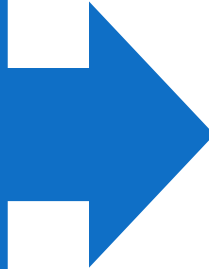
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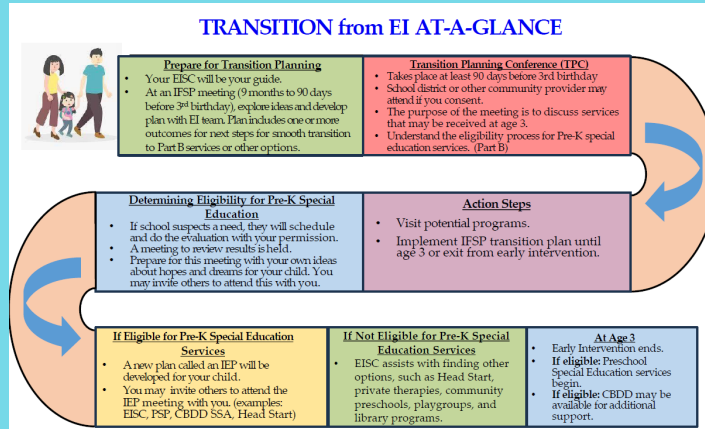


**3. Be prepared:
What are my
options?**

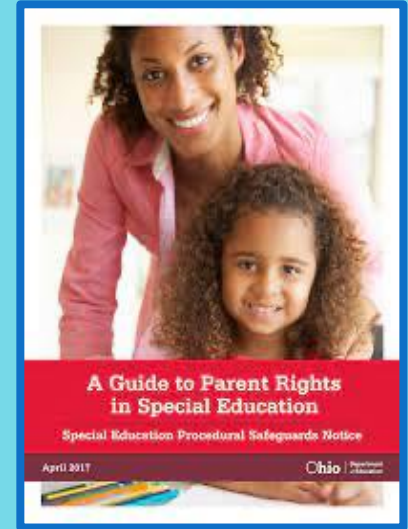
4. Create the plan for your next stepping stone...



5. Be informed about your Parent Rights

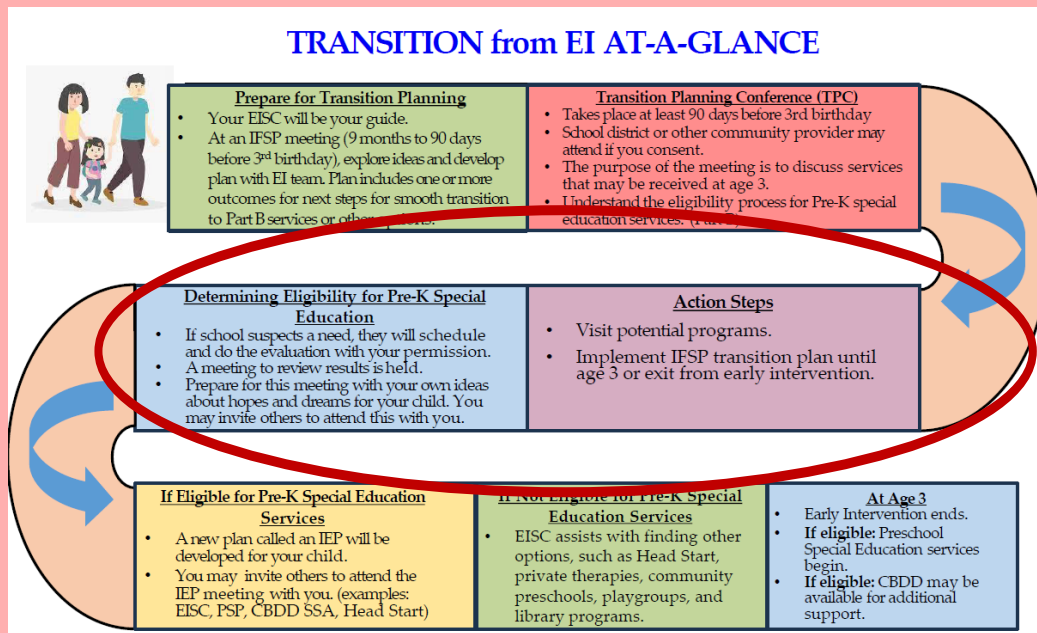


Remember when we talked earlier about the federal law IDEA?



IDEA is very clear about your rights as a parent throughout your EI journey. IDEA is also very clear about your rights if you choose the option of going through the preschool special education eligibility process (and afterward).

6. Understand the process of eligibility determination for preschool special education services



7. Being prepared will ease the way



Whatever you decide for your family during the transition process, you are doing the right thing. You can guide your child's next steps with confidence.

8. First impressions count

You're building a new relationship with a new team whether it's at school, Head Start, community preschool or child care setting . . .



- Establishing a relationship with the people in the next setting is important.
- Reaching out to introduce yourself, your child, and start the discussion about the upcoming meetings, assessments, etc. is a great first step.
- You can be both an advocate for your child and a collaborative team member.