

EI Transitions

Initiation of Services at Age 3



Goals Of The Presentation

- Understand the Referral Process
- Understand Basics of Transitional Services
- Ensure Continuity of Services

Referrals

Where at all possible, Georgetown Public Schools accepts referrals from the Department of Public Health, other agencies, and individuals for young children when or before the student turns two and one half years old.

Georgetown Acts!

Georgetown Public Schools cannot refuse a referral of a child made by an EI provider. EI providers are responsible for determining if a child is *potentially eligible* for Special Education services. Georgetown Public Schools must act on the referral and conduct an evaluation (including all areas of suspected disability) of the child in order to determine if the child is eligible for special education services.

Transitions

Georgetown Public Schools implements procedures to ensure the effective transition of young children with disabilities from Early Intervention Programs through participation in transition planning conferences arranged by such programs.

EEC Says...

Georgetown Public Schools should convene a conference with EI and the family not less than 90 days before the child is eligible for the preschool services that the child may receive.

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“Upon referral, school districts shall evaluate children who are two and a half years of age and who may be receiving services through an early intervention program. An initial evaluation shall be conducted in order to ensure that if such child is found eligible, special education services begin promptly at age three.”

Continuity Of Services

Georgetown Public Schools must ensure the development and implementation of an IEP for eligible children by the date of the student's third birthday.

Timelines

- Referral from EI for special education eligibility determination starts the timeline.
- LEA sends consent to evaluate to parent(s) within 5 school days.
- Evaluation(s) must be completed within **30** school days of a signed returned consent form. A Team meeting is held within **15** school days and, if eligible, an IEP developed.
- Parent has **30** calendar days to review and return the IEP.

Questions?

