



Early Intervention Transition

Children who are in the Hawaii Department of Health's Early Intervention program will transition out of the program when they turn three years old. Follow these steps for a smooth transition from Early Intervention to the Department of Education special education preschool or other community programs.

Step 1

Planning for Transition Starts Early

Part C requires a transition meeting to occur no more than 9 months and no less than 3 months prior to age 3.



Discussion about transition at first IFSP meeting



Plan is reviewed at each IFSP meeting



Includes steps to support child and family



Includes service options based on discussions with family

Step 2

Think About Your Transition Options



DOE Special Education Preschool



Private Preschool or Child Care Center



Community Programs / Traveling Preschools



Playgroups or staying home



Step 3

Part C Transition Conference

Must occur at least 90 days before the child turns 3.



Chance to find out about programs in the community



Family can share hopes, dreams and goals for their child



Establish relationships with school or program staff



DOE invited to start or opt out of the DOE referral process

Step 4

Special Education Transition



Request for an evaluation



Student Focus Team meeting with family & neighborhood school



Testing & evaluations from Early Intervention or DOE



Eligibility Conference to determine if child meets criteria for special education



Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting to set goals and objectives for your child to be implemented by age 3

