Transition

What is it and why is it important?

What is Transition?

Transition is a major life change

For young children, moving from preschool or home to kindergarten is one of the most significant transitions they will experience.

change in place *new expectations*

adjusting to a new peer group

new authority figure *new role as student*

Transition is a period of adjustment

All adjustments are stressful. When parents, teachers, and school administrators work together, the process of transitioning to kindergarten operates more smoothly reducing the amount of stress experienced by the child.

Who benefits from transition activities?

✓Children ✓Parents ✓Providers

The Child Experiences...

Increased self-confidence

Improved relations with other children and adults

Increased motivation and openness to new experiences

The Parent Experiences...

Increased confidence that their children will achieve in the new setting.

A sense of pride and commitment in their on-going involvement.

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Improved self-confidence in their own ability to communicate with and influence the educational system.

Providers Experience...

Increased knowledge of the children and a better ability to meet individual needs.

Increased parental and community support.

More resources and a larger network of professional support

Increased awareness of the early childhood or kindergarten programs offered in the community.

A renewed sense of professionalism and pride in thier efforts to reach out to young children and their families.

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The Center for Parent Involvement (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI's goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi. The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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