Resources
Available from the Florida Center

A Community Planning Guide for School Readiness: A resource for collaborating to improve the lives of children and families

Building Bridges: Family’s Guide to Transition

The Emotional Foundations of School Readiness (Heart Start)

The Kindergarten Survival Handbook (also available in Spanish version)

Parents’ Guide After Head Start: Success in Public School

The Transition to School - Why the First Few Years Matter for a Lifetime (S. L. Ramey)

Transition and Interagency Collaboration (Utah Parent Center)

Transition Planning for Infants, Young Children and Their Families (participant handbook)

Sample Brochures
  Florida’s Transition Project (prevention and early intervention)
  Making the Move to Kindergarten (Channing Bete)
  You, Your Child and School Readiness (Channing Bete)
  Your Child Entering School (Channing Bete)

Children’s Picture Books
  Timothy Goes to School (R. Wells)
  School Days (B. G. Hennessy)
  Will I Have a Friend (M. Cohen)
  Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner (A. Schwartz)

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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/fcp i. 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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