

# Journey to 3! A Transition Roadmap For Families

### **Transition Planning** Conference

Share information about your child. Ask questions about next steps and educational program options. Staff from perspective educational programs may attend.

### **Review** Information

Birth to 3 Program records are shared, if parents/guardians consented. The evaluation team asks parents/guardians for additional input. Appropriate assessment measures are determined.

### **Evaluation** Meeting

This meeting is to determine your child's eligibility for special education and related services AND the educational needs of your child. You are an important part of the evaluation/IEP team!

### Notice of **Placement**

Parents/guardians will receive an offer of placement from the school district. **Special education** services may begin after a parent/guardian provideswritten consent.

### **IEP Review**

A meeting must be held annually, or when requested by a team member(including parents/guardians), to review/revise the IEPas necessary.



When the school district receives a written referral for your child, you will be notified in

### **Additional Assessment**

If additional assessment is needed, parents/guardians will be notified in writing. Assessments require written consent from a parent/guardian before they are administered.

## Meeting

The meeting occurs at a mutually agreeable time and date. The team will work together to design an Individualized **Education Program (IEP)** when a child is found eligible. Birth to 3 Program staff may attend with parent/guardian

The services provided by the Birth to 3 Program conclude prior to your child receiving services from the school district.

### **Re-Evaluation**

Your child's eligibility for special education services will be re-evaluated every three years, unless otherwise determined by the IEP team.







# **Resources to Explore**

- Special Education in Plain Language. A user-friendly handbook on Special Education laws, policies and practices in Wisconsin.
- WI Special Education Procedural Safeguards. Rights for parents and children, including information for key contacts.
- WSPEI Student Snapshot. A form to fill out by the family to help school staff get to know the child better.
- Wisconsin DPI Special Education Acronyms. A list of frequently used acronyms/terms in special education.
- Wisconsin DPI IEP Discussion Tool. Guiding questions to help identify a student's present levels of academic and functional performance and develop annual IEP goals and special education services to address the student's disability-related needs.
- Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. A framework that specifies developmental expectations for children from birth through entrance to first grade.
- Learn the Signs. Act Early. Developmental milestones from Birth-5 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI). Helps families and school districts build positive working relationships that lead to shared decision making and children's learning.
- Parent to Parent of Wisconsin. Offers parent support to parents of children with special needs through a one-to-one connection with another parent who has similar experience.
- ➡ WI Department of Public Instruction. Provides information about things happening in Wisconsin schools, as well as information about how our system of public education works.







