



WHAT COMES NEXT?

A family's guide to
Transition options after
Early Intervention



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WHY IS TRANSITIONING IMPORTANT?

As your child prepares to transition from early intervention services, it is important to have a plan in place so that parents/ caregivers can know which direction they are heading and what they can expect as their child leaves their early intervention program.

Changes can be scary, but a transition plan will help ease your child's passage from one program to another. A well-developed plan makes success more likely and can help relieve anxieties about what services, if any, your child will participate in outside of your home.

Your early intervention service coordinator is specially trained to help families consider their transition options and is always willing to meet with families to answer questions, to discuss options, and to plan next steps. Let us help you with your journey through all the options.



WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

Because services are not one-size-fits-all, there are several options available when it comes to the next steps. Some of the options available include Early Childhood Special Education Services through Portsmouth Public Schools, Community Programs and Outpatient Therapy Services.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES THROUGH PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Developmental preschool: serves children ages 2-5 who are determined eligible for special education services due to demonstrated significant delays in one or more areas of development. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is developed for each child receiving special education services with the school system. Your service coordinator will assist you with contacting the Preschool Intake Team at (757) 393-8471.

Preschool Speech Therapy: designed to promote communication skills for children between the ages of 2 and 4 years old who may be demonstrating difficulties in articulation, language, voice, and fluency. Preschool speech services are usually provided in the child's home school. Transportation is not provided by the school system. Your service coordinator will assist you with contacting the Preschool Intake Team at (757) 393-8471.

COMMUNITY OPTIONS:

Head Start: A federally funded early childhood preschool program designed for children ages 3 and 4 years old. Head Start offers preschoolers learning and socialization opportunities to help prepare them for their successful entry into kindergarten. Head Start gives priority to children demonstrating risk factors that may be impacting a child's development and/or ability to learn. Contact: (757) 673-0548. Applications are also available online at <https://hrcapinc.org/head-start-enrollment/>



Bright Start Preschool Initiative: The Bright Start Program is made possible through the Virginia Preschool Initiative. It is designed to provide a high quality developmentally appropriate preschool education for the four-year-olds (on or before Sept. 30) in Portsmouth who meet the established at-risk criteria. Selection for participation in the program is based on the determination of need detailed by the state and local district.

Private preschools: Programs throughout Hampton Roads designed to provide learning and socialization opportunities to preschoolers ranging in age from 2-5 years old. Cost for preschools and the activities at the preschools vary significantly and each parent/caregiver would need to identify which program would best meet their child and family's needs and financial resources.

OUTPATIENT THERAPY SERVICES:

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CHKD:

Health Center at Oakbrooke

500 Discovery Drive

Chesapeake, VA 23320

Phone: 757-668-7083

Select Kids:

1400 Fordham Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

(757) 361-3951

Southeastern Therapy for Kids:

680B Kingsborough Square, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Phone: (757) 547-0434

Sentara Therapy:

633 Battlefield Boulevard South

Suite 200 Chesapeake, VA 23322

757-233-4790

Tidewater Therapy for Children:

4016 Raintree Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

Phone: 757-488-2864

If you have questions or want to discuss the transition options available for your child, your Early Intervention Service Coordinator is here to help!



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