

STATE & LOCAL COLLABORATION

State Level Steering Committee

This initiative is coordinated by the WV Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee. This committee's mission is to develop strategies that build the capacity of local communities related to transition policy and practice. Participating state and local representatives include:

- WV Department of Education, Office of Special Programs
- WVDHHR, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, WV Birth to Three
- WVDHHR, Bureau for Children and Families, Division of Early Care and Education
- WV Head Start State Collaboration Project
- WV Deafblind Project
- WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources
- WVDHHR, WV WIC

Local Early Childhood Collaborative Teams

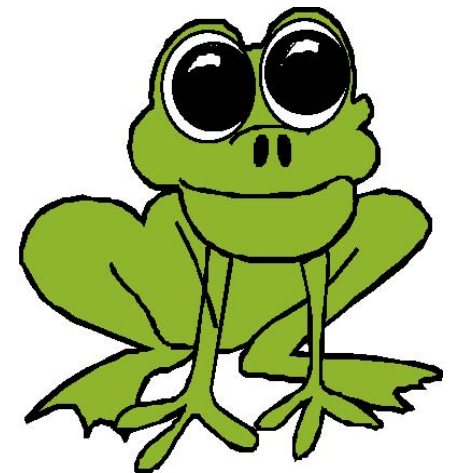
Local counterparts to the state committee are Early Childhood Collaborative Teams. Local teams work together to insure smooth transitions for children, families, and agencies. Typical members are:

- Families
- WV Birth to Three
- Head Start
- Public School System
- Child Care
- Other Community Partners

WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources
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West Virginia Early Childhood Transition Initiative

A Young Child's Right
&
Your Responsibility



PURPOSE

WV Birth to Three System, Head Start, public schools, and child care programs all have important roles to play in transitioning young children ages birth to five years and their families from one program or service to another. This brochure contains information on transition resources to help agencies carry out these roles.

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE

Training and Technical Assistance

- WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources
Contact 1-888-983-2827 to get more information on resources listed in this brochure and to:
 - Find out about scheduled training across the state
 - Request funds for collaborative training events
- Agencies with Training and Technical Assistance Staff
 - WV Birth to Three
 - Region III Head Start Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Center
 - WV Department of Education, Office of Special Programs
 - Child Care Licensing Specialists

- WV Early Childhood Lending Library
The lending library contains resources geared to the early childhood population. For information, call 1-800-642-9704.
- Celebrating Connections: WV's Annual Early Childhood Conference
The statewide conference offers training on a variety of early childhood topics for parents, teachers, early interventionists, child care providers, policy makers, administrators, support personnel, therapists, service personnel, health care providers, educators, and other interested community supporters. For information, call 1-888-983-2827.
- Early Childhood Collaborative Team Training - This training is offered to Early Childhood Collaborative Teams to help them:
 - Become a more effective team
 - Learn more about transition policy and practice

Transition Materials

These are available in hard copy through the WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources and available online at www.wvearlychildhood.org. Accessible formats for people with visual impairments can be requested from the Deafblind Project, a part of the WVDE, Office of Special Programs at 1-800-642-8541.

Transition Materials Available:

- WV Website for Local Interagency Agreement and Collaborative Procedures Development
- WV Side by Side Description of Agency Responsibilities
- Extended School Year Position Paper
- Individualized Family Service Plan/Individualized Education Program Comparison
- WV Early Childhood Community Collaboration Strategies
- Tasks, Tips and Tools for Promoting Community Teams
- Early Childhood Collaborative Team Profiles
- Training and Technical Resources Handout
- Developmental Wheel
- Transition Checklist
- Transition Brochure
- Transition Procedures
- National Early Childhood Transition Center Website
- WV Collaborative Authorization for Release of Information
- And many other great products and links