

Question: For a child whose family is interested in transition to the public schools, do you have to send the notification before you have the transition conference with the school system?

Answer: A family must be offered both notification and a transition conference. A family can decline one and not the other. For example, a family may want to hold a transition conference and learn more about what the school system has to offer before they make a decision about notification. A family may already have a child receiving early childhood special education services and feel they don't need a transition conference. This family may decline the conference but proceed with notification. For these reasons, we cannot require notification prior to the transition conference. Both are independent of each other.