

SUPPORTING FAMILY DECISION-MAKING

It's good to have options! If your child is currently receiving services through the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) and is about to turn 3, you will hear about:

- A "transition meeting"
- An upcoming evaluation through your local school system

If you agree to both meetings (they're required in order to move forward with services) and if the school system finds through their evaluation that your child qualifies to receive services after the age of 3, you can choose to:

- Continue services through TEIS until the start of school after their 5th birthday
- Start services through the school system (now or anytime between 3-5 years old)
- End services for your child at this time

TO DO

- Talk to your TEIS Service Coordinator about what services could look like for your child after age 3
- Find out what **services** and **settings** your child's school system offers. Call the special education supervisor in your area
www.tn.gov/education/families/student-support/special-education/special-education-section-619.html
- Visit the setting where your child could start services through the school system

This document was created by family advocates. Wherever you are in this learning and decision-making process, we can help - for free!

SCHOOL SERVICES



Location matters - different school systems offer different programs. Regardless, your child has a right to services that meet their unique needs.



Setting matters - ask where services could be provided: a preschool classroom? At a community program?



Peers matter - kids get a lot out of learning with and from their peers. Settings that include kids both with and without disabilities offer a lot.



Time & travel - school services follow the school calendar. The # of hours each week will vary based on your child's needs & the program. Transportation assistance may be available to you.

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