

Transition from an IFSP

If your toddler receives early intervention services on an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), transition to Early Childhood Special Education is simple. Ask your service coordinator to invite the local early childhood special education representative to the transition conference to discuss your options.

What are the most notable differences I will see in the 3-5 program?

In the 3-5 program, the child will have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that focuses on the functional and educational needs and goals for the child.

2) The child's district or cooperative will ensure services are provided as outlined in the IEP. A special education provider will serve as the primary contact for the family.

3) Services in the 3-5 program are provided according to the school calendar unless the team determines that extended school year services are needed in order for the child to access a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Team Approach

All IEP decisions regarding the child's education are made by a team with the child's best interests in mind. Parents/guardians are a required and valuable part of the team and the process.



Family Information



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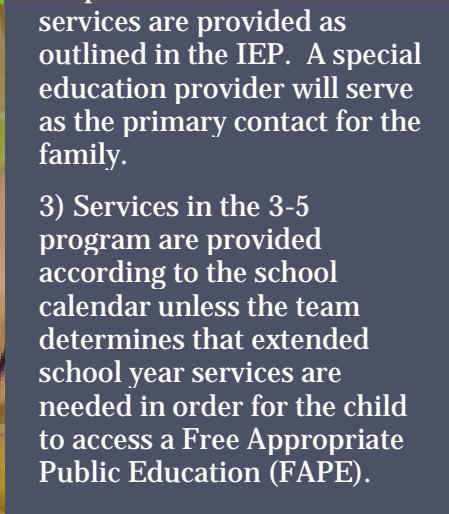


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What types of supports and services are offered?

Services are individualized and based on the needs of the child. A team makes these decisions based on what the child needs to access an education. Such services could include:

- Special education services
- Speech/language therapy
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Etc.

Where are services provided?

Services are provided in a setting that the child's team determines is appropriate for the child and works with the family to provide services where the child spends most of the day.

Examples of service locations:

- Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)
- Head Start
- Licensed Child Care Facilities
- Agreed upon locations in the community
- Child's Home
- Etc.

What is Early Childhood Special Education?

The Arkansas Early Childhood Special Education program provides specially designed instruction, support, and services to eligible children ages three through five, at no cost to the family, in order to prepare these young learners for kindergarten. Services are provided through the local school districts and educational cooperatives in the area where the child lives.

What are signs that a child may be in need of ECSE services?

Children in need of ECSE services are not meeting typical developmental milestones for his or her age and may need some additional supports and services to prepare them for kindergarten. Visit this link for more information:

[TrackChildsDevMilestones_Brochure_English_9_30_16.pdf](#)

When are services provided?

While ECSE services follow the school-year calendar, there are times the team may recommend services be provided during the summer if these services are needed to adequately provide a Free Appropriate Public Education. Referrals for the program and evaluations can occur year-round.

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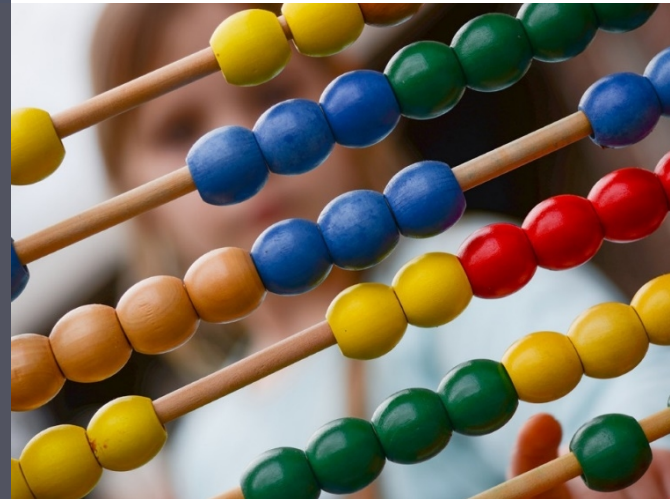


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