

**Transition from Part C (Early Intervention) to Part B (Early Childhood Special Education)
Regulated versus Local Determination**

	Regulated (Non-Negotiable)	Local Determination (Negotiable)
Age Eligible to Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are 2 by September 30 and who are potentially eligible for Part B are qualified for a referral to LEA • Children are to transition from Part C to B by their third birthday with admission taking place throughout the school year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may choose to have child remain in Part C or transition to Part B until third birthday • It is a local decision to serve children who turn 2 after September 30 for that school year
Initial Referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification is also a referral • Notification/referral is required if child is potentially eligible for Part B unless the parent opt out • Notification/referral is sent by Part C to LEA and SEA • Notification/referral must include child's name, child's date of birth, and parent contact information (names, addresses, and telephone numbers) • Notification/referral must be at least 90 days before the child's anticipated date of transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notification/referral must be sent to LEA by April 1 for children who will be 2 by September 30 for child to start at beginning of school year, unless local interagency agreement specifies a different deadline • Date notification/referral sent must be documented on IFSP • LEA must treat this as an initial referral to Part B • 65-day timeline to the eligibility meeting begins when notification/referral is received • Staff vacation, staff work schedule, breaks (e.g., summer) cannot delay receipt of notification/referral or 65-day timeline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification may include service coordinator's name and contact information and the language(s) spoken by the child and family • The person who sends the notification/referral from Part C is to be determined • The person who receives the notification/referral at the LEA is to be determined • How the information will be sent to the LEA is to be determined • The LEA and local Part C system may agree to a deadline for notification other than April 1 • LEA may use evaluation information from the Part C program for any child • Summer referrals may be completed in less than 65 days so the child starts on the first day of school
Transition Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Conference is required, with parent approval, if child is potentially eligible for Part B • Must be at least 90 days and can be up to 9 months before child's anticipated date of transition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Conference may be combined with meeting to develop the transition plan • LEA may send any staff that are familiar with the ECSE program and can explain the program to the family

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet the requirements of an IFSP meeting • Must include Part C representative, LEA representative, and family • LEA representative must be knowledgeable about services available in ECSE program 	
Part B Eligibility Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership at eligibility meetings includes parent(s), general education teacher (if there is potential for the child to participate in a general education preschool program), special education teacher, an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluations, and a representative of the LEA • Part C is to be invited to the meeting(s) if parent requests • LEAs have 65 business days to determine eligibility • The child must meet the requirements of a child with a disability in at least one of the 13 disability categories, demonstrate significant impairment in participation in age appropriate activities, and require special education services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership at eligibility meetings may also include an individual who has expertise with the child, and related services personnel • Part C may be invited to the meeting • If child is referred to Part C between 45 and 90 days prior to the child being eligible to receive services from the LEA, with parental permission, LEA and Part C may conduct the eligibility evaluations together
IEP Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership at IEP meetings includes parent(s), general education teacher (if there is potential for the child to participate in a general education preschool program), special education teacher, an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluations, and a representative of the LEA • Part C is to be invited to the meeting(s) if parent requests • IEP must be written/implemented within 30 calendar days from the eligibility meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership at IEP meetings may also include an individual who has expertise with the child, and related services personnel • Part C may be invited to the meeting
IEP Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP must start by date of implementation written on the IEP • Part C services end when the IEP is implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start date can be flexible but within a reasonable amount of time (example: IEP may be written in June to start the first day of school) • If child is eligible for services from Part B, parents may choose to receive services from Part C until the child's third birthday, then start Part B services