

Resource Assistance:

In addition to providing direct support, preschool pathfinders will help families connect with other families, and locate resources in the community.

Who Can Receive Services?

Families who have a child who will be referred to their public school and may be eligible for special education services in preschool within the next six months.

Call CPAC prior to the six month window for more information.

Families:

If you are interested in receiving support from a Pathfinder, please contact CPAC at: 860-739-3089 or cpac@cpacinc.org.

School and B23 Staff:

Please share this information with families in your school district who may benefit from this support.

All of CPAC Services are **FREE** to families!

Application

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Primary Language: _____

Child's Name: _____

DOB: (month/Day/Year) _____

Did your child received Birth to Three services?

Yes ___ No ___

If known, name of B23 Agency: _____

If known, date of transition conference meeting:

If he/she didn't received Birth to Three, has anyone

made a formal referral to PreK Special Education?

Yes ___ No ___ Not sure ___

Does your child have a diagnosis? Yes ___ No ___

What is your child's diagnosis? _____

Do you have any concerns about transition?(not sure if should keep this one for the pre-survey)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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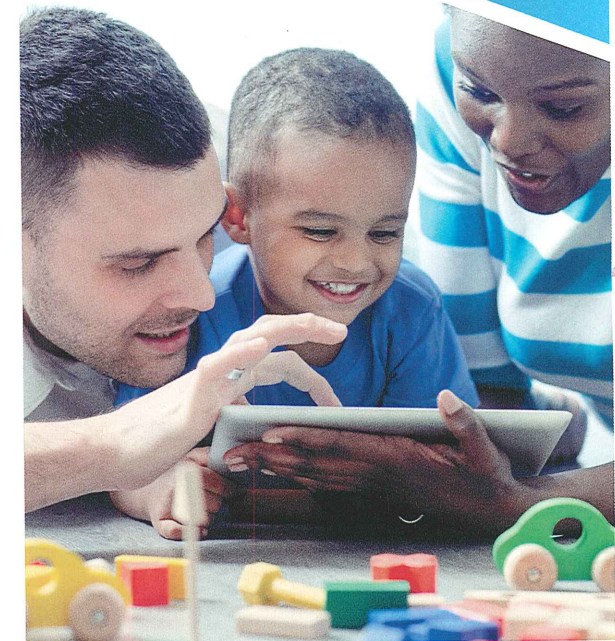
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Building Relationships Early: Preschool Pathfinder Program



At CPAC we know that transitioning from one program to another can be a confusing time for young children with developmental delays and their families.

For this reason, and with the assistance of the CT Department of Education, we have created the "Preschool Pathfinder Program."

The main goal of this program is to provide one to one support services to families who are facing challenges transitioning Birth to Three, into preschool. The program assists families to engage to collaborate with the public schools and will result in an increased understanding of the difference between early intervention and special education services in PreK, smoothing the path for transition from one program to the other.

Each family will be assigned an experienced Preschool Pathfinder. Pathfinders are located around the state and have expertise in transition from Birth to Three, special education, communication strategies, and conflict resolution.

Pathfinders will be able to:

- Attend Birth to Three conference meetings;
- Review records with families in order to create an action plan;
- Attend the initial transition PPT (Planning and Placement Team) meeting;
- Follow up after the transition to public school preschool program;
- Provide technical assistance regarding IDEA(Individuals with disabilities Educational Act);
- Help parents verbalize their child's unique needs and strengths to professionals that will work directly with their children
- Assist parents to develop effective practices to communicate with public school personnel.

As a result parents will:

- Increase participation in the decision-making process by Increasing their knowledge of transition procedures;
- Be more confident and engage in ongoing communication with the school personnel who work directly with their child;
- Be able to locate and understand evaluation reports,child's records, and IEP (Individualize Education Program);
- Increase their knowledge of the special education process;
- Feel empowered and supported as their child transitions from Birth to Three to public school.

