



## Top 5 FAQ's regarding Transition to the Intermediate Unit

### 1. How do I prepare myself to be able to answer questions about my child's transition?

- a. There are a variety of questionnaires you can complete to help you focus on those aspects of your child you want the IU to become familiar with. Things such as; what are my child's needs, how does he/she learn best, his/her temperament, and how does he/she communicate etc. You can find a variety of these forms at The Arc Alliance website - <http://thearcalliance.org/> under "Transition".

### 2. How can I include my current team in transition?

- a. You, your family, caretakers, your therapists and your teachers are excellent resources. Ask them questions. Ask them for advice. Have them help you complete the questionnaires mentioned above. They want as smooth of a transition for your child as the IU and you do. If you have collected as much information from them as you can, you will be prepared to talk to those from the IU involved in your child's transition.

### 3. How does the IU determine if my child is eligible?

- a. Your child shows a 25% delay in one or more areas of development or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on a standardized test used.

OR

- b. If your child is evaluated as having one of the following: Autism; Deaf-blindness; Deafness; Emotional disturbance; Hearing impairment; Intellectual disability; Orthopedic impairment; Other health impairment; Specific learning disability; Speech or Language Impairment; Traumatic Brain Injury; Visual impairment including blindness **AND** be reason thereof, needs special education and related services

### 4. Will my services look like my current services?

- a. There is a different focus between EI 0-3 and EI 3-5. 0-3 is very focused on parent training. We are here to provide you and your caregivers the strategies to help your child progress to the point where he/she will be able to make a natural transition to the next phase of his/her life. Whether it be preschool or staying at home with mom. The IU focuses on these new environments and how to work directly with your child to allow him/her to be a successful learner. You, as a parent, can step back and watch your child grow and learn in an environment that is the most natural for a typical three year old.

### 5. I have given the IU all of the information collected, they have done the evaluations, I have the proposed IEP and I am not comfortable with what is proposed. What now?

- a. As with any process, you should always go through the chain of command. Contact your IU case manager. If you feel that you are still not getting the services you feel are most appropriate, contact his/her supervisor. They are there to help you and they too want what is best for your child. There are steps that can be taken above and beyond if you truly feel your child's IEP is insufficient in some way. The IU provides you with information regarding mediation. You can also access it from the transition link on our website, - <http://thearcalliance.org/>

**There are many questions that arise during this time. The Arc Alliance wants to be there to support you. Please go on our website under the Transition link to find parent stories, links to help guide you, resources, etc.**