



# Children's Therapy

& FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTRE

## Transitioning Your Child to Kindergarten



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## Getting Started

Entering kindergarten is an important step in every child's development. A successful transition into school for children who need support involves parents and professionals working together to plan and make decisions.

The Kindergarten Transition is an opportunity for you, School District staff and other professionals, who work with your child, to plan your child's entry into kindergarten. Kindergarten Transition meetings occur on designated dates in early spring (around March of each year).

The process begins when you complete the school district's Kindergarten Transition Consent Form and return it to the Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre. This form alerts the school district that your child may require special consideration for kindergarten entry. It also allows professionals to share information about your child in preparation for the Kindergarten Transition meeting.

## **Preparing For Your Meeting**

You may want to prepare an information package about your child to share with School District staff. This could include:

- Your child's strengths
- Strategies that have work in the past (at home or in child-care settings)
- Copies of reports or progress notes from professionals
- Pictures showing your child doing typical activities

These are only a few suggestions. Use your imagination when creating this "snapshot" of your child.

## **School Registration**

Please note that you must register your child at your local elementary school even if you have completed and returned the Kindergarten Transition Consent Form. You will need to bring:

- Proof of address
- Your child's birth certificate
- Your child's immunization record

It will be helpful to specify what support needs your child has and that you have requested a Kindergarten Transition meeting.

## Working With the School District

What does the School District want to know when you meet with them? At the transition meeting discussion will focus on five basic questions:

- Do you feel that your child is ready to attend school?
- What concerns do you have about your child's school entry?
- What difficulties or support needs should the school be aware of?
- Is there a medical condition/ diagnosis that may help the school better
- Is there any documentation (medical or other formal assessment) of your child's support needs?

Documentation is required by the Ministry of Education for your child to access additional supports.



## After Your Meeting

After the Kindergarten Transition meeting, you may be contacted by School District personnel. This may involve making arrangements for additional observations, meetings assessments, and investigating program options.



This information was developed to help you, not to overwhelm you. If you have any questions about the meeting or the process, please feel free to contact any of the professionals working with your child.

### **Our Vision Statement**

“Children living life fully within their family, school and community.”

### **Our Mission Statement**

“CTFRC is dedicated to supporting children with an identified need(s) and their families to build on their strengths and skills to enable successful participation in home, school and community.”

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