



SPINNING WHEEL

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National News

- ◆ April is Autism Awareness month; with April 2, 2010 World Autism Awareness Day
- ◆ Federal Hiring Event for People with Disabilities: U.S. Office of Personnel Management and U.S. Department of Labor on April 26, 2010 <http://www.usajobs.gov/DisabilityHiringEvent.asp>
- ◆ National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day will take place on May 6, 2010. One activity will be “Art Action” celebrating the theme “My Feelings Are a Work of Art.” Visit <http://www.arttherapy.org/chmad.asp> to learn more about how teachers, care providers, parents, and others can engage young children in art activities that encourage them to talk about having and expressing feelings.

The Kentucky Family to Family Health Information Centers (F2F HIC) are located in each of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN) Offices. The F2F's can help you find information and services. A network of Support Parents is being developed to provide support to other parents. If you have questions or would like to help another family you can reach Sondra Gilbert in Owensboro at 877-687-7038 Ext. 2123 or in Louisville, Debbie Gilbert 800-232-1160 Ext. 279

KY-SPIN Consultants are present at the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN) Clinics throughout the state at various times each month. For information on clinic visits & SPIN workshops contact us toll-free at 1-800-525-7746 or by e-mail at spininc@kyspin.com.

The **Kentucky State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children** (SAPEC) provides policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in Kentucky as defined by special education regulations and applicable state and federal law. The Panel advises and assists the Department of Education regarding the provision of appropriate services for children with disabilities. The authority for the Panel is mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.as amended). The Panel conducts public forums as a part of their meetings. The public is encouraged to comment via e-mail or by coming to a meeting. For information, contact Renee Scott at renee.scott@education.ky.gov or by calling Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) at (502) 564-4970. Upcoming SAPEC public forums are scheduled for June 17, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Parkers Lake, KY and then on October 14, 2010 at 6:30pm at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz, KY. This is a time for families and professionals to voice your concerns to the panel and they will pass them along to KDE.

Spotlight on Kentucky: United Partners of Kentucky (UP in KY)

UP in KY is a functional, non-compensated partnership to enhance each others' work on behalf of children, youth and young adults with disabilities and their families. The intention is to collaborate with each other, reduce duplication of effort and help determine and influence policies. UP in Kentucky is led by a group of statewide consumer and family leadership organizations, private and public agencies, and federally or state funded projects.
<http://www.up-in-ky.com/>

Did you know:

An ARC/IEP meeting can be held without parents present if: “A meeting may be conducted without a parent in attendance if the public agency is unable to convince the parents that they should attend” taken from IDEA 2004 Regulations: Part 300 / D / 300.322 Parent participation (d) Conducting an IEP Team meeting without a parent in attendance.
<http://www.kyspin.com/FAQ.cfm>

SPIN (Special Parent Involvement Network) is a statewide project of KY-SPIN, Inc. that “HELPS YOU HELP YOUR CHILD.” SPIN PTI (Parent Training & Information Project) is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. **SPIN** provides training, information and support to people with disabilities, their parents and families, and information on all types of disabilities and topics for all age groups. There are no fees for **SPIN** services. Consultation, resource materials, and referral services are also available. You can call us toll-free at 800-525-7746 or at 502-937-6894, our e-mail address is spininc@kyspin.com and our website is www.kyspin.com; our main office is located at 10301-B Deering Road / Louisville, KY 40272.



Early Childhood: WHAT ROLE DOES THE FAMILY PLAY IN THE TRANSITION PROCESS?

"It takes a whole village to raise a child," says an ancient African Proverb. The local community in collaboration with the school system and other agencies work together to provide a variety of services to meet the individual needs of your child and family. The child and family are active participants in the transition process with the community and the school system. Permission from the family for each step is vital to success.

Becoming familiar with the law may help you understand and plan for transition. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) includes two key parts for children with disabilities. One part of the law, Part C, defines programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities, from birth to age three. In Kentucky we call this First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention System (KEIS). To this point, your child has been served by First Steps. Part B of IDEA defines programs for children with disabilities from 3 to 21 years through the public school system. In Kentucky the program for preschoolers with disabilities is part of the Kentucky Preschool Program.

Supporting your child's growth and development at home by requesting and using the *Building a Strong Foundation for School Success – the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards Parent Guides for Birth - Three* (<http://www.education.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/13339B02-6065-42F0-B00E-40486538FB9E/0/birthtothreewebversion.pdf>) and for Three and Four Year Olds (<http://www.education.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/FA6385A6-6FCD-43E1-BCC1-E51A2B0ABAA0/0/34forwebsite.pdf>) will allow you to use strategies during daily routines to prepare your child for transition success. Ask your Service Coordinator or the Preschool Coordinator for copies.

By: "Step by Step: A Family Guide for Transition into Preschool" © 2008 (updated January 2009)
KECTP <http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/F00D7C8A-9C67-48D9-ACFF-90FE6B2B07B9/191590/UpdatedStepbyStepGuideEnglishversion.pdf>

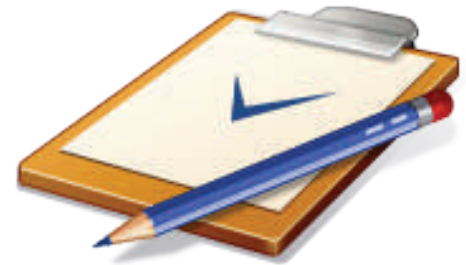


For more information on Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) go to <http://www.kyspin.com/IDEA%202004.cfm> or contact KY-SPIN, Inc. at 800-525-7746

Transition: Transition Checklist

This checklist can be used by both youth and their families in order to prepare for health care transition. Check the following:

- A. Understands medical condition/diagnosis
- B. Makes own medical appointments
- C. Can tell when symptoms require medical attention
- D. Can refill prescriptions
- E. Manages daily treatments
- F. Knows health emergency phone numbers
- G. Knows what to do in a medical emergency
- H. Has identified an adult health provider
- I. Understands insurance both public/private
- J. Contacts appropriate agencies for assistance
- K. Knows how to use public transportation
- L. Can schedule own appointments
- M. Asks questions of health care providers
- N. Knows how to access health information
- O. Has developed a medical history/summary



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