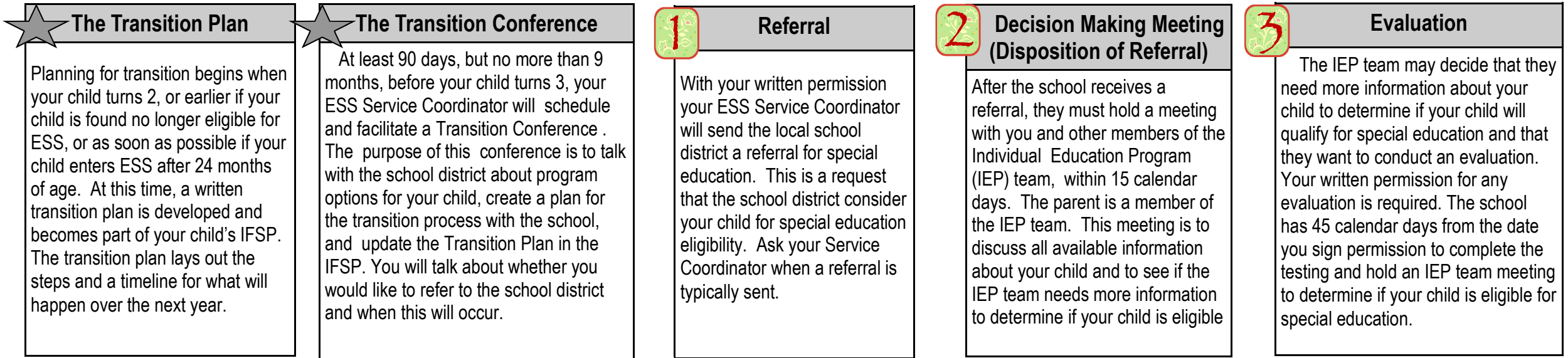


## An Overview of the Early Childhood Transition Process

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### **4 Determination of Eligibility**

Based on the information provided by ESS and you, along with any evaluations the school may have done, the IEP team determines if your child is eligible for special education and determines a disability classification, also known as a code. To be eligible the child's disability must negatively impact their educational performance.

### **5 Development of the Individualized Education Program (IEP)**

Within 30 days after your child is found eligible for special education, the IEP team meets to begin develop the IEP. Sometimes this happens at the same meeting where eligibility is determined. You have 14 calendar days to sign the IEP and you may choose to agree, agree with exceptions, disagree or request another meeting. The IEP must be agreed upon and signed by both you and the school district by your child's third birthday.

### **6 Determination of Educational Placement**

After the IEP has been signed by you & the school district representative, the IEP team determines your child's educational placement to implement the IEP. Placement is decided on an individual basis and options may include a variety of settings. Placement, however, must be in the child's Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

### **Some Additional Parental Rights** ★

You have the right to:

- A signed IEP in place on your child's 3rd birthday, even if their third birthday occurs during the summer
- Invite ESS Service Coordinator (or others) to any meeting
- Participate in all meetings
- Request an IEP meeting and have that meeting within 21 days of the request
- Give or withhold written consent
- Access your child's educational records
- Be notified about important decision regarding your child's education (Written Prior Notice)
- 10 days advance written notice of IEP meetings
- Request access to information 5 days prior to an IEP meeting
- Receive information in a way that is understandable
- Be provided with an interpreter or translator, if needed
- File a complaint, request mediation, request a facilitated IEP meeting, request a neutral conference or request a due process hearing