ANNVILLE-CLEONA

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Collaborating Today for a Successful Tomorrow

Countdown to Kindergarten

Preparing for a Smooth Transition

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Goals for Today's Session

Share our experiences with transition-

      Local Providers

      The Community

      ACSD Families

Provide time for all of you to share your experiences with transition

Begin to plan an activity using template provided

What is Transition?

- Transition is a process of changing from one form, state, activity or place to another.

- Why is it so important for young children and their families?

10 Elements of an Effective Transition Plan- Robert Pianta

1. Establish positive relationships among the children, parents and educators

2. Facilitates each child's development as a capable learner

3. Differentiates between orientation to school and transition to school

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4. Draws upon dedicated funding and resources

5. Involves a range of stakeholders

6. Well planned and evaluated

10 Elements Continued

7. Flexible and responsive

8. Based on mutual trust and respect

9. Rely on reciprocal communication among participants

10. Takes into account the contextual aspects of the community

Pianta's 5 Guiding Principles for Successful Transition Plans

Foster relationships as resources

Form collaborative relationships

Promote continuity from preschool to K

Focus on the family

Tailor practices to individual needs

Types of Connections

Child to School

Family to School

School to School

Community to School

ACSD Transition Plan

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Transition Efforts at ACSD

Forming and fostering collaborative relationships

Visits to childcare centers and our K

Mail registration and Parent Preschool Flyers to Centers

Read to students at the local centers

Evening Sharing Sessions with local Early Childhood Community

Shared "Welcome to K at Cleona Elementary School" Book

ACSD Transition Efforts

Promoting continuity from preschool to ACSD K

Sharing the ACSD Kindergarten Website

Access to K Newsletters

Current units of study

Ideas to enhance skills

Upcoming events

Access to early childhood websites

Resources for curriculum

Expectations for entering K program

ACSD Early Childhood Website

Cleona Elementary School

Links to Local Providers

Read at local Childcare Centers

Shared the book we made to introduce children to staff at our school.
Each local provider got a book to keep.

Links to Local Providers

[Agenda for EC Providers' Night](#)

Time to meet, share
expectations, concerns,
and strengths.

[Letter to directors](#)

Look at Your Entrance

Parent Preschool Sessions

Focus on Family

Parent Preschool Program-no cost for residents

Families with children ages 3-5

3 nights for one hour

Each night has a focus such as
early literacy, math, motor skills and language

Parent Preschool

Interactive activities to share with families ways to enhance readiness skills

Families get to meet staff, get comfortable with the building and to share school resources

Current Parent Preschool Flyer -

http://www.acschools.org/Page/2973

Parent Preschool Sessions

Parents and preschoolers working together

K Registration Process

Starts with a Parent Meeting to address common questions parents have about starting kindergarten.

Parent Meeting Agenda

K Registration Process

Tailor to individual needs

Be Responsive to Families

Work with families to ease their

personal fears/concerns

Be available and willing to listen-

begins with parent interview at

registration -Parent Interview

K Registration Process

Tailor to individual needs

- K Teachers take each child and do a variety of readiness assessments.

- Based on the work of IU 13
- Letter/Sound ID, Book Handling, early numeracy and name writing.

K May Visits

Purpose- Opportunity for children and families to see a "working" K session.

Parent Schedule for K Class Visit

Flyer of K Dates

K Visit Feedback

Worksheet for signups

K Visits in May

Families in the K Classrooms for Visit

K Countdown Program

Tailor to individual needs

Summer K Countdown Program

Jump start skills and acclamation to K

Begins communication with families
on how to address their child's needs

August Open House

Held one week before school starts- 6:30-7:30 PM

Meet child's teacher

Meet classmates/families

Room hunt of their classroom

Bus ride with family around the community

ACSD Transition Efforts

Parent Information Night in late February

Parent Preschool Sessions

Registration with child in late March/early April

Early Childhood Website-Resources including

      Book on Day in the Life of a K Student

      Book to Meet Staff

Visit Childcare sites to read to children

Visit to K classroom in late spring

K Countdown Program

Orientation and meet K teacher in August

Open House in September

Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete. ~Marcy DeMaree

Still More We Can Do

Staff visits to centers

EC Staff visits to our K classes

Preschool Story Time- 2-4 Times a Year

How can we use social media to connect with new families?

Time to Reflect/Share

Reflection Sheet-
Jot down transition activities you currently do in your district

What is one activity you would like to bring to your district?
Share with the whole group

PA Keys/OCDEL Resources

PA Keys-Transition

  Variety of resources for planning transition activities

Email Resources

Time to Plan

Time to plan one activity you want to explore for your district.

Use the template provided to help you lay out the details.
Planning Template

Use Template to Plan-

Parent Preschool

Parent Information Night and Registration

K Class Visits

K Summer Program

K Open House Night

Early Childhood Providers' Night

Thank you for all your efforts with young children!

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