



## **TRANSITIONING HS FAMILIES TO KINDERGARTEN**

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- Provide opportunities for Head Start children to visit their future kindergarten classrooms and assist parents in meeting their child's kindergarten teachers.
- Head Start staff and kindergarten staff meet with Head Start parents to plan and conduct transition activities.
- Establish a transition committee to plan and carry out transition activities with families. This committee could include Head Staff, families and representatives from school districts, e.g. kindergarten teachers, special education staff, elementary school principals, a representative from school based parent group, a representative from ESL program in the district, etc.
- With parent permission, Head Start and kindergarten teacher meet together to discuss individual Head Start children and develop a joint transition plan.
- Research, inform and train parents about laws governing services to special needs children.
- Head Start staff research opportunities and barriers regarding K-12 parent involvement and provide a parent training session.
- Meet with school district staff and with families to discuss common education goals and school readiness. Set up forums to share these ideas and develop continuity of children's program between Head Start/ECEAP and the elementary school.