



**Pennsylvania Parent Information and Resource Center  
Online Lunchtime Learning Series**

**School Readiness:  
Creating Terrific Transitions**

**Presenters:**

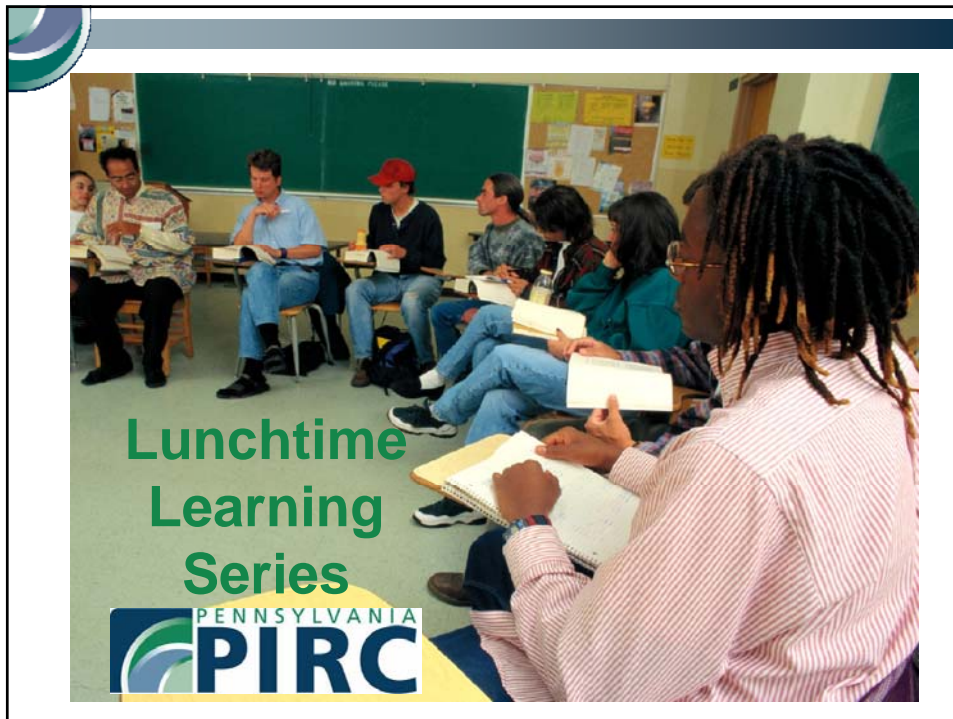
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**Wednesday, April 27, 2011  
12:05 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.**



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## Housekeeping Notes

- **Question & Answer Opportunities**

We encourage you to ask questions using the text messaging (Chat) feature.

- **Recording of Session and Slides**

A link to the recording of today's session as well as the PowerPoint presentation (in PDF format) will be available within 3 days. You are welcome to view the recording and the PowerPoint at your leisure.

<http://www.center-school.org/pa-pirc>

- **Online Evaluation**

A brief online evaluation will be presented at the conclusion of today's session. Your feedback is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation.



## Participant Information

- **Using the text messaging (Chat) feature, please provide the following information:**
  - The full name of all participants who are joining us but did NOT register for today's session. If available, please also provide their email addresses.

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## Lunchtime Learning Series

- Support parents to:
  - Guide children's educational path
    - At home
    - In school
    - In the community
  - Participate in education partnerships
  - Advocate successfully for all children

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## CREATING TERRIFIC TRANSITIONS!



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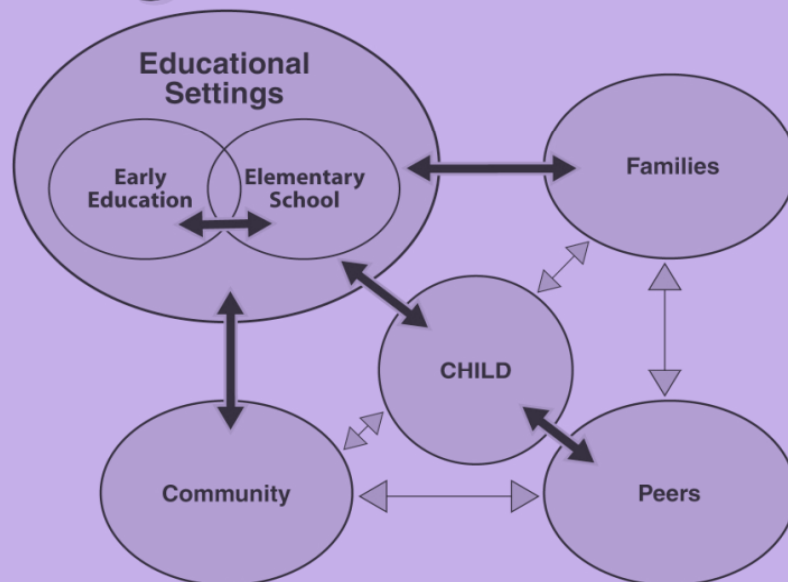
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## GOALS OF TRANSITION

- Develop a forum for *joint planning* between and among ALL sending and receiving agencies and families
- Develop a consistent means for *sharing information* between and among ALL appropriate agencies and families
- Families will be *fully engaged* in the transition process for their child

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## Target Connections



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## Federal Mandates

- Even Start
- Title I
- Head Start
- Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA)



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## IDEA

- Free and appropriate education to children with disabilities
- Provide a description of family inclusion
- Requires lead agency to notify / specify how a child with disabilities will be entering the identified school system.

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## Transition for Children with an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)

- Families will be invited to a transition meeting to discuss options for their child during the year before the child is eligible for kindergarten or first grade...this occurs before February.

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## Questions for All Families to Consider

- What is needed for my child?
- What is available?
- Who will be involved?
- When will transition occur?
- How will the transition occur?
- How can my family and child be supported through this change?

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## DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Increase expectations for success of children, parents and staff
- Foster family initiated opportunities for children
- Improve quality of peer interactions
- Heightened knowledge and self confidence of families, children and staff
- Increase of community resources

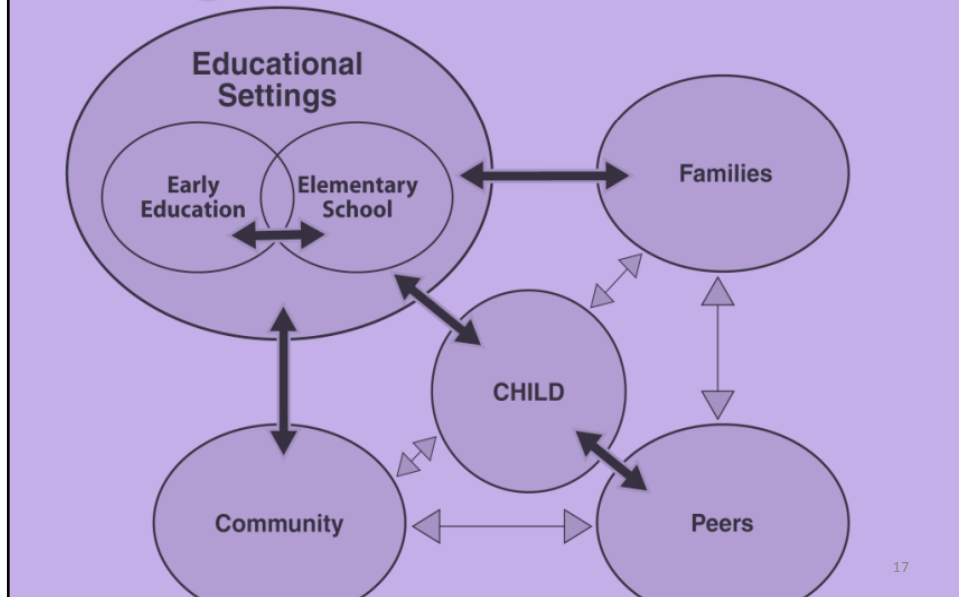
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## Considerations

- What type of stressors do children experience through transition?
- What type of stressors do families experience during transition?
- Do professionals experience additional stressors during transition?
- What type of planning would benefit *everyone* involved through the transition process?

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## RESOURCES

- PA Parent Information and Resource Center  
<http://www.center-school.org/pa-pirc/>
- PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning's SAS (Standards Aligned System) Resources and Information Site,  
<http://websites.pdesas.org/ocdel/default.aspx>
- Resource adapted in part from: Serve Inc. SERVE is an outreach of the University of North Carolina at Greensborough, [www.serve.org](http://www.serve.org)  
800-755-3277
- Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC) provided by the Office of Head Start, <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>  
866-763-6481
- National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI),  
<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/npdci>

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## Resources

- PA PIRC
  - [www.center-schools.org/pa-pirc](http://www.center-schools.org/pa-pirc)
- National PTA
  - [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
- Harvard Family Research Project
  - [www.hfrp.org](http://www.hfrp.org)
- SEDL
  - [www.sedl.org](http://www.sedl.org)
- US Department of Education
  - [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)
- PA State Parent Advisory Council
  - [www.spac.k12.pa.us](http://www.spac.k12.pa.us)

## THANK YOU

- The next two webinars will be:
  - **May 25:** Strengthening Families
  - **June 22:** College and Career Readiness
- Join us at 12:05 p.m.

