Resources for Families Transitioning to Preschool Special Education in Monroe County, NY

Monroe County LEICC – Transition & Preschool Subcommittee, updated May 2023

1. **Monroe County Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (LEICC)**
   https://www.monroecounty.gov/hdchild-ei-parents-leicc

2. **Mid-West Early Childhood Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center**
   As a part of the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) Office of Special Education (OSE) the Mid-West Early Childhood FACE Center supports families of children birth-age 5, including those receiving services through the Early Intervention Program or the Committee on Preschool Special Education, community members, staff of programs and early childhood settings where preschool students with disabilities are served. Services provided by the Mid-West Early Childhood FACE Center are FREE and include information about regional resources and supports, technical assistance for understanding the special education process and learning opportunities for stakeholders supporting children and students birth-age 5.
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3. **Facebook group: Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County: Public Forum**
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/725883804499635
   Facebook group: Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County: Private Group
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/481894295903598

4. **Parent Network of Western NY** https://parentnetworkwny.org/
   Not-for-profit agency that provides education and resources for families of individuals with special needs (birth through adulthood) and for professionals.

5. **Parent to Parent of NYS** https://www.ptopnys.org/
   Support and connect families of individuals with special needs; information, referral, trainings.

6. **Developmental Disabilities Alliance of WNY (DDAWNY)** https://www.ddawny.org/
   A collaborative group of member voluntary agencies that provide services to people with developmental disabilities.

7. **Starbridge** https://www.starbridgeinc.org/
   Partnering with people who have disabilities, their families, and others who support them, to achieve success in education, employment, and healthy living.

8. **Comparison of EI and Preschool Special Education**
   https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/transition/appendix_a.htm

9. **Special Education in NYS for Children Ages 3-21: A Parent's Guide**
   http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentsguide.pdf
   This document provides information for parents, guardians and other family members about laws, regulations and policies affecting special education programs and services.

10. **A Resource to Special Education Support Services from Birth to Third Grade**
    http://www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning/documents/AResourcetoSpecialEducationSupportServices.pdf
    This guidebook can be used to help parents navigate the special education system for children from birth to third grade. It includes an overview of the Early Intervention Program and programs and services available to preschool children as well as younger school-age children with disabilities in New York State.

11. **Special Education in Plain Language**
    https://www.drny.org/vs-uploads/pdfs/1530034163_Special-Education-Plain-Language.pdf

12. **Guide for Determining Eligibility and Special Education Programs and/or Services for Preschool Students with Disabilities -**
    https://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/preschool/guide/home.html
    This guide was written to support professionals in evaluating children with disabilities and developing Individual Education Programs. However, this document is also a resource for parents to help them participate as full partners in the educational process for their children.

13. **Center for Parent Information and Resources**
    https://www.parentcenterhub.org/resourcelibrary/
    This site has a Resource Library to inform parents and others about the support for children and youth with disabilities and their families. The library is organized and searchable by topic.

14. **Understood: Anatomy of an IEP**
    https://www.understood.org/articles/en/at-a-glance-anatomy-of-an-iep
    An Individualized Education Program (IEP) can be confusing to look at and read. But knowing what goes in an IEP can help you make sense of it. Use this handy visual aid to see what's in an IEP, and what the different parts of an IEP mean.

15. **IEP Tip Sheet Series**
    https://promotingprogress.org/resources/iep-tip-sheet-series
    Progress Center Promoting Progress for Students with Disabilities: This series of tip sheets introduce key components of the individualized education program (IEP). They include brief summaries of federal regulations, tips for implementation, and resources.

16. **NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office, Rochester**
    https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/providers/finger-lakes-developmental-disabilities-service-office-sofa-li-148382

17. **OPWDD Care Coordination from Person Center Services**
    https://personcenteredservices.com/
    Enrollment - https://personcenteredservices.com/
    https://personcenteredservices.com/2022/08/03/what-is-care-coordination-a-free-webinar-for-parents-caregivers-of-children-ages-birth-5/

18. **Child Care Council** https://childcarecouncil.com/for-parents/special-needs-services/
    Meg Pheterson, Special Needs Consultant
    585-654-1284   m.pheterson@childcarecouncil.com
    Special Needs Consultation for children on a waitlist for services and in childcare; assist childcare providers with strategies to support your child's comprehensive plan for strategies at childcare and at home; provide loan equipment to support your child's success in childcare

19. **Free or low-cost legal and other relevant services**:
    Empire Justice Center
    The Legal Aid Society of Rochester
    Center for Dispute Settlement
    Legal Assistance of Western NY

Preschool Special Education Services

Related Service only

Like Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, Teacher of Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf, Orientation and Mobility, Assistive Technology

SEIS

Special Education Itinerant Services - a special education teacher travels to the site of the child care setting or home

Half Day SCIS or SC

Special Class in an Integrated Setting Example - 12:1+1- 6 children in PSE, 6 children from other general ed settings, 1 teacher and 1 aide

Special Class Example - 6:1+3- 6 PSE children, 1 teacher, 3 aides

No less than 2 ½ hours of instruction

Full Day SCIS or SC

Typically 5 hours

ESY

Extended School Year (summer services)