DEFINITIONS

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan
An IFSP is the plan written by a team, including the parents, for a child eligible for TEIS. A family may invite family members, friends, and/or advocates to the meeting. Outcomes, measurable goals expected to be achieved for the child and family, are written and monitored in the months ahead. Supports and/or services are identified at this meeting. It is the responsibility of the lead agency (Department of Education) to determine the appropriate provider of a particular early intervention service, including any method.

Service Coordinator: A service coordinator is an early intervention professional employed by the State of Tennessee assigned to a family to coordinate their early intervention experience with TEIS.

TEIDS: Tennessee's Early Intervention Data System
All TEIS records are maintained electronically on a web-based system called TEIDS. Only staff and providers working with your child and family or in a leadership position may access your records.

TEIS: Tennessee's Early Intervention System is a voluntary education program. The program is governed by Part C of the Individual's with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Every state has a Part C program and establishes its own eligibility rules. Please refer to the TEIS Questions & Answers brochure for additional information.

Transition: 3 to 9 months before a child's third birthday, every family will have time with their service coordinator to discuss options for when their child turns 3 years of age and exits TEIS. This is also the time for families to participate in a meeting with their local education agency (LEA) if they are interested in pursuing the possibility of special education services. A meeting with the LEA must take place 90 days before the child's third birthday.

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DISABILITY PATHFINDER

VANDERBILT KENNEDY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

TEIS Central Directory/Tennessee Disability Pathfinder are working together to help you identify services.

Online: Statewide database of agency information at www.familypathfinder.org (Search for Services)

Print: 2007-2008 Directory of Disability Services & Supports at tn.pathfinder@vanderbilt.edu

Phone: Statewide helpline (English & Español) 615-322-8529 or 800-640-4636

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What to expect if your child is eligible for Tennessee's Early Intervention System

Early Intervention is crucial for providing a good education to children with special needs.