

Preschool & Child Care Providers: Let's Get Ready For Kindergarten!

The Transition into Kindergarten Requires a Team Effort

SELF is a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to prepare our youngest children for success in school and in life.

Research shows that children experience smooth transitions into Kindergarten with few challenges when families, child care/preschool providers and Kindergarten teachers all work together.

As a child care provider, preschool teacher or other early learning professional, you know a lot about the young children you have cared for and taught.

SELF members have developed a Kindergarten Transition Summary Form to support children and families as they transition into Kindergarten. This form and process is aligned with state efforts to support school readiness including Early Achievers and WaKIDS.

Will You Have Children Transitioning from Your Program into Kindergarten in the Fall?

Please Join Us! - Overview Of Our Work:

Who:

Preschool teachers, child care providers, families and Kindergarten teachers

What:

Work together to share important information about children as they transition into Kindergarten through the use of the *Kindergarten Transition Summary Form*

When:

Before August 31st of the upcoming school year

How:

Please complete a *Kindergarten Transition Summary Form* describing children's strengths, interests as well as any concerns with families. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

- Use the form to guide conversations with the children and their families about their culture, strengths, skills and concerns.

Information on the form is aligned to our state's early learning standards for children ages birth through the third grade entitled the *Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines*.

Why:

- Kindergarten teachers reported the information from the form is valuable and is used in a variety of ways to build on children's strengths and ensure their continued success

Where can I find the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form?

- You can download the form at selfwa.org in the Ready Schools section under the Education tab, or by clicking on the box entitled Kindergarten Transition Form Now Available.
- You can also download copies of a kindergarten readiness brochure for families from SELF's website



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When should the form be turned in to the school?

- Please send completed copies by August 1st
- Parents must sign and date the form giving their permission for you to share the information with the school district
- District contact information can be found on SELF's web site selfwa.org and click on Ready Schools then click on the link entitled Where to send your completed form.
- Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself