



Early Intervention Transitions

Setting the Stage for Success





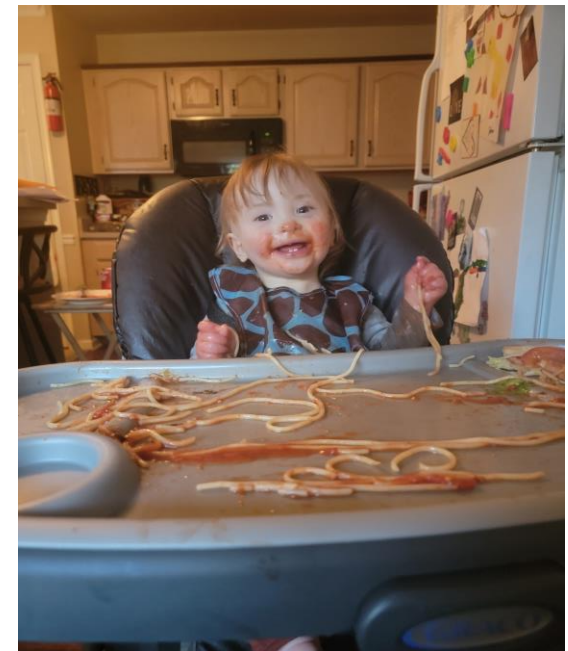
The Snyder Family

Lisa, Hannah, and Grayson

The Parker Family



Lisa, Jessica, John and Daniel







Transition from Infant Toddler to Preschool
Early Intervention



Transition is

- Collaborative, extensive, and dynamic series of conversations and activities
 - Process, not a specific event
 - Designed to ensure continuity
 - Encourages family participation as part of the team throughout their EI experience.
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Transition Planning

A Transition Plan should be developed when the child is between 2 years, 3 months and 2 years, 9 months.



Transition Meeting

- The Infant Toddler EI program convenes a transition planning meeting not less than 90 days and not more than 9 months before the toddler's third birthday.
 - The Preschool EI program participates in the transition meeting arranged by the Infant Toddler EI program.
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Evaluation for Eligibility

- Parent/Guardian give consent to evaluate on Permission to Evaluate (PTE) form.
 - The PS EI team completes the evaluation report and sends to the family within 60 days of receipt of signed PTE.
 - Evaluation report (ER) includes multiple sources of data.
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***Infant Toddler Early
Intervention
eligibility determined by:***

- Diagnosis that may result in a developmental delay
- OR**
- Developmental Delay
- OR**
- Informed Clinical Opinion

***Preschool Early
Intervention
eligibility determined by:***

- Developmental Delay
- OR**
- Diagnosis of one of the twelve IDEA disability categories
- AND**
- In need of specially designed instruction



Developing the IEP

For children transitioning from the Infant Toddler EI program, an IEP must be developed and implemented by the third birthday.



If a child will not be transitioning to Preschool EI due to ineligibility or family choice...

- support is still available for families to consider ongoing learning experiences for their preschool age child.



If there are bumps in the road

- Address concerns with team
- Use safeguards
- If cannot resolve issues can use more formal dispute resolution tools
- Pendency applies if file for mediation or due process; until resolved or process completed



Transition from Preschool Early
Intervention to School Age Services

School Age Transition Planning

For children who are **within one year of transitioning to school age**, a Transition Plan will be developed as part of the IEP that includes:

- Activities to prepare child for change in teacher
- Activities to assist child with adjustment
- School readiness activities
- Process for school registration
- Transmission of EI information to local school district/charter or non-public school

Planning Timelines

By **February 1st**, the Preschool EI program will send parents whose children will be eligible for school the following year a *Notice of Your Child's Transition to School Age Meeting* and *Notice of Options for Your Child's Transition*

The Preschool EI program will convene a transition meeting with the parents and the school district by the **end of February**.

The transition meeting may be held virtually.

Transition Meeting

- At or before the meeting, the Preschool EI program provides the *Intent to Register* form. The school district responsibilities begin with receipt of the signed *Intent to Register*.
- The school district reviews *Notice of Options for Your Child's Transition* form with the family.
- Child records will be transferred when the Intent to Register is signed.





Options at Transition

No later than **April 15th**, the school district will notify the parent in writing and initiate one of the following options:

1. Waive re-evaluation, adopt and implement preschool IEP, issue NOREP
2. Waive re-evaluation, adopt and implement preschool IEP with revisions, issue NOREP; or
3. Conduct re-evaluation, create new IEP, issue NOREP.

School Age eligibility determined by:

- Diagnosis of one of the twelve IDEA disability categories

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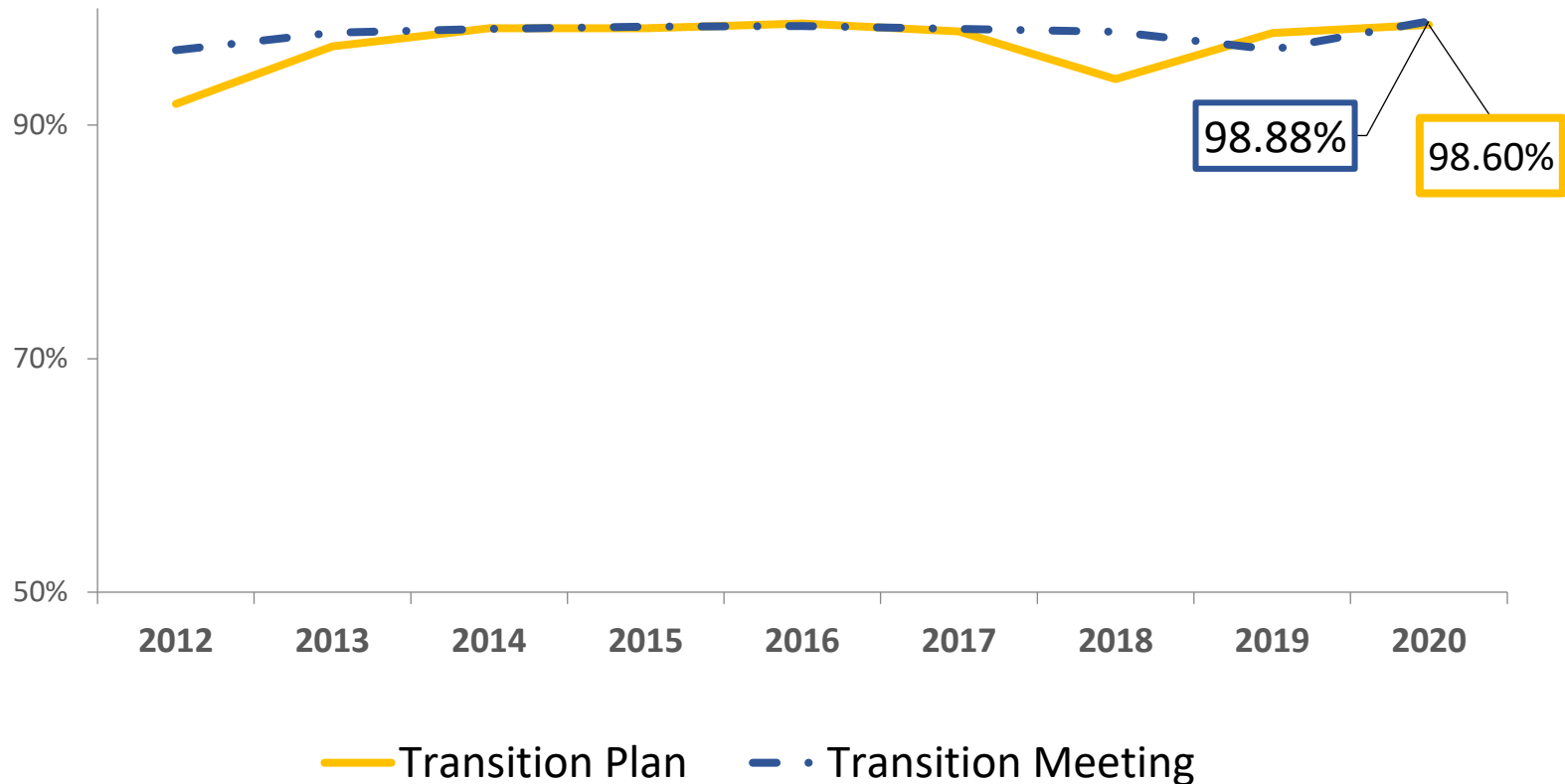
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*Using
Developmental
Delay*

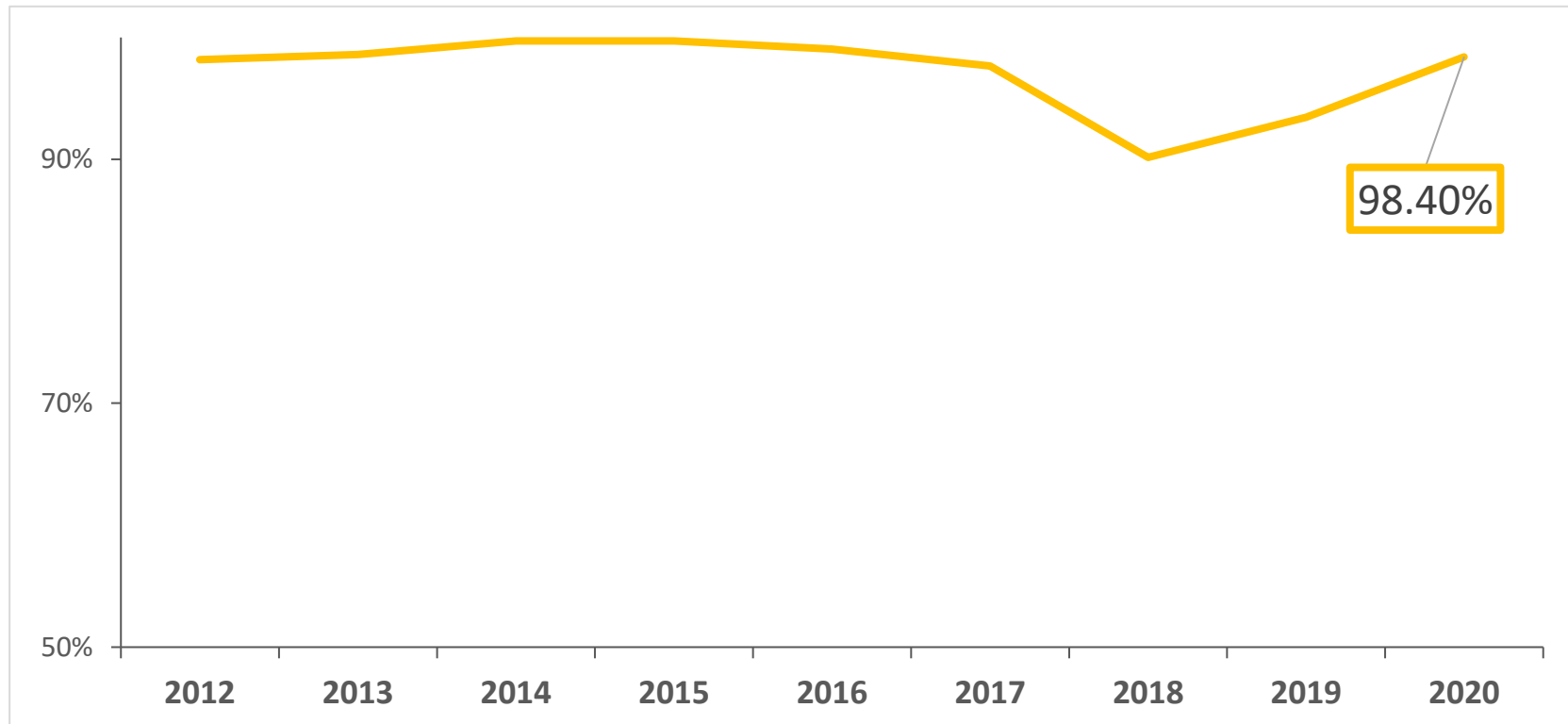


Pennsylvania's Transition Journey

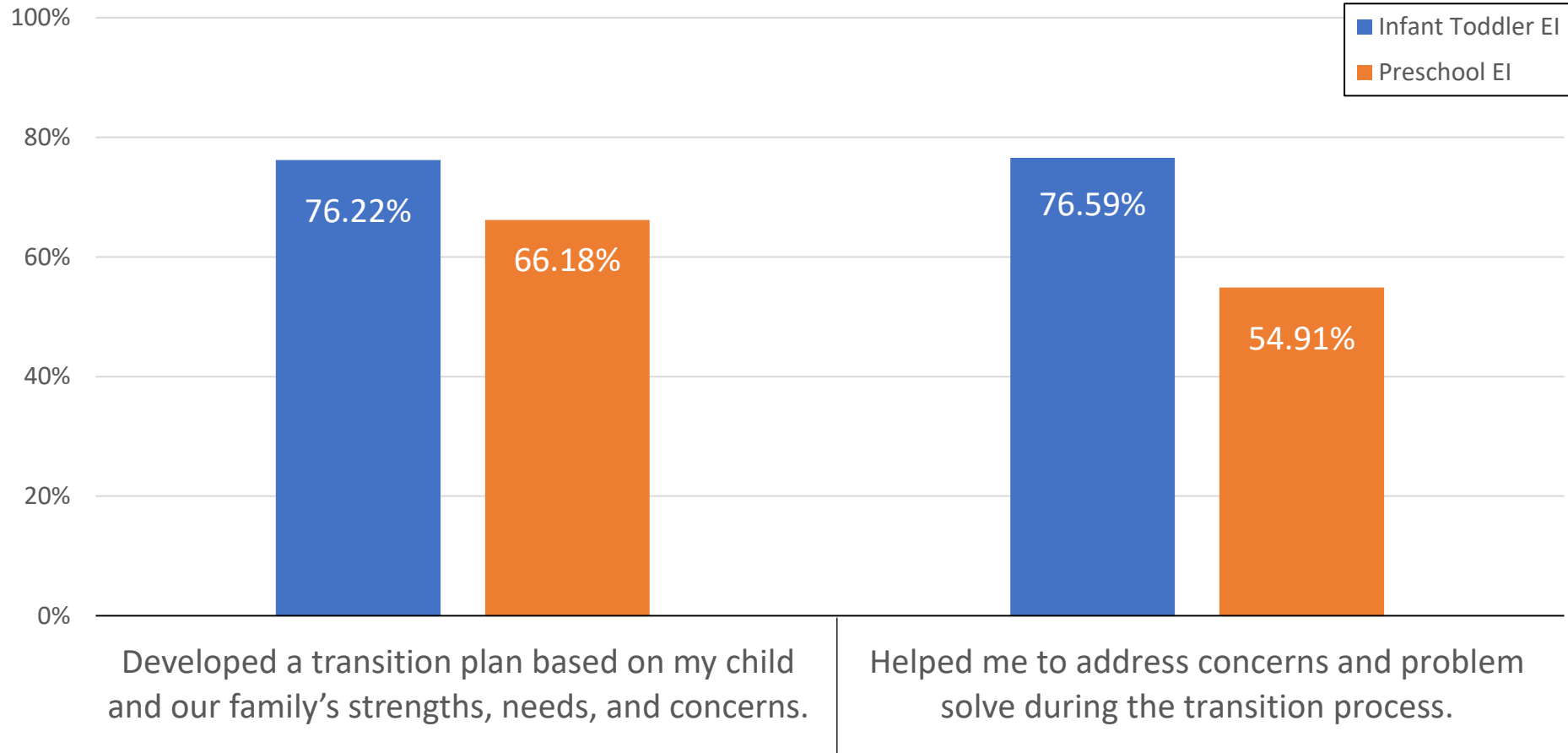
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Over the past 9 years, EI has shown a high percentage of transitioning toddlers with an IEP in place by their 3rd birthday.



Family Feedback on Transitions





Transition Resources

<https://tiu11.padlet.org/jfurness2/1owqnk5e5z2r7hfx>