

# Christine's Chronicles: The Next Transition

**Christine talks about Luke beginning to make his transition from pre-school to kindergarten.**



Christine and Luke

I can't believe it's spring already. I've put the winter jackets away already and Luke and I have been having fun outdoors again. Riding bikes, at the playground, running around outside with the kids next door. We are both so excited for the change in season.

But with the change in season, I'm wary of the other changes that are too quickly approaching. Luke will be leaving his preschool this summer and heading to kindergarten in the fall. To be honest, I feel like crying when I think about it. We've developed so many great partnerships and friendships with the teachers, therapists and staff. They have all worked so hard to make Luke a part of their community and it breaks my heart to think we have to leave and start all over somewhere else.

Luke's transitions within this program were always smooth. The program always did a great job using best practice transition strategies. I know now that it will be even more important to think about and use those same strategies for this transition.

But the bigger question that has been looming is his placement. I've had some preliminary discussions with his IEP team, as well as the principal and special education teacher at an elementary school he could attend. First and foremost, I am thankful that we do have some options. And I find myself again weighing the advantages and disadvantages of inclusion. We have some more meetings coming up and some re-evaluations scheduled, so hopefully with more information, the right placement for Luke will become more clear.

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## **With regards.**

Nice!

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## **Support**

Christine,

Based upon the information you've posted thus far, it sounds like you may be more ready for this transition than you think. I usually suggest that parents observe the possible placement locations and personnel so as to suggest a possible best fit for your child's strengths and needs. ECAC is also available as a resource should you have further questions about placement and services.

Wishing you continued strength as you make this decision for you and Luke.

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## **Transitioning**

Christine, I'm posting this comment, two and a half months after your blog. have you finalized the school and program for your son, Luke? How are you transitioning him for leaving his present school? Has he visited the new school and the personnel? I'm curious about the process. You seem to have brainstormed and thought a lot about the process. I'm sure that you can handle anything.

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