

Transition Teams in NM:

In 2009 **NM Early Childhood Transition Initiative** supported the formation of statewide transition teams that continue to meet in each region of the state.

The mission of the **New Mexico Early Childhood Transition Initiative** is to support community teams in developing and/or improving their system of transitioning children and families from early intervention services to other services and supports.

Purpose of Transition Teams:

- Increase local area communication for all parties involved in early childhood transition (from agency directors to front line staff)
- Increase participation at local transition team meetings
- Ensure participation by appropriate decision making authorities
- Help improve each district's system of transitioning children and families from early intervention services to other services and supports
- Support a shared philosophy that serves as a foundation for transition policies, procedures and the determination of responsibilities and actions
- Identify individuals within each program or agency at the state and local level who are lead contacts for early childhood transition
- Create and implement a community Early Childhood Transition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that supports implementation of regulations and guidance and is responsive to community needs

Who's who on Transition Teams:

Transition Teams are made up of representatives from the:

- Local Education Agency (LEA)/School District
- Early Intervention Agencies
- State Supported Schools
 - New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI)
 - New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD)
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Child Care
- New Mexico Training and Technical Assistance Programs (NM TTAPS)
- Tribal Schools
- Family member/leader (with firsthand knowledge of early childhood transition)
- Parent Advocacy groups
 - Parents Reaching Out (PRO)
 - Education for Parents of Native American Children with Disabilities (EPICS)
- Other partners

How often do Transition Teams meet?

Transition teams meet regularly based on the agreed upon schedule in their MOU. Some teams meet monthly, especially during the school year, while others meet less frequently. It is recommended that teams meet quarterly to build strong working relationships, allow for regular review of transition processes, and provide opportunity to problem solve issues preventing transitions from running smoothly.

Who coordinates the Transition Team meetings?

Each transition team functions uniquely based on their team's roles. Most teams have a **team leader** who:

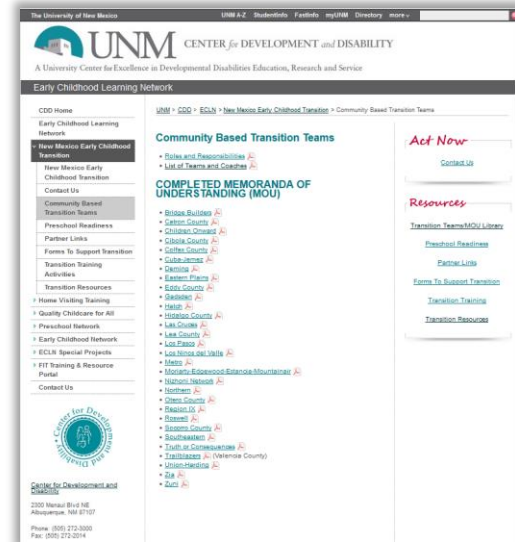
- Coordinates the logistics for meetings
- Ensures that meetings are scheduled on a regular basis
- Ensures that all community agencies/personnel involved in early childhood transition are represented on the team
- Ensures members are adequately informed
- Maintains a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding



How do I find the Transition Team in my region of the state?

To find out about the transition team in your region, go to the NM Early Childhood Transition Initiative website, <http://www.cdd.unm.edu/ecln/Transition/transitionTeamsMOU.html>, and select "List of Teams and Coaches".

For additional transition related information or resources, please go to:
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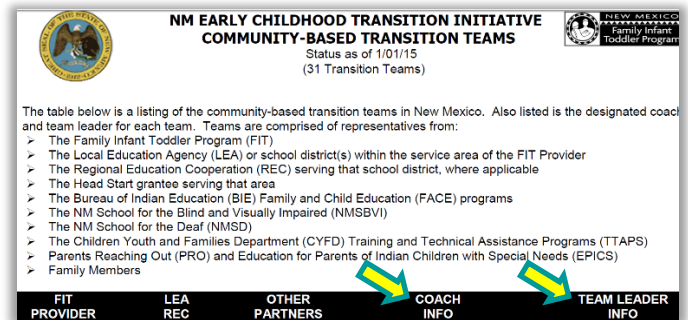


Community Based Transition Teams

- [Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- [List of Teams and Coaches](#)



Once you open up the List of Teams and Coaches, you will be able to identify your region's transition team and find contact information for the team's coach and team lead and also see the partners who are on the transition team.



It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of each team member to attend their Transition Team meeting!

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