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Online speech therapy
Ages 2 to 18

FOR FAMILIES LEAVING EARLY INTERVENTION

Aging out of early intervention? What happens at 3

In most states, early intervention ends on your child's third birthday. From age 3, your school district is responsible for evaluating children who may need special education, including speech therapy, at no cost to you. Your service coordinator will plan the move with you at a transition meeting.

Three common paths at 3

Your child qualifies for district preschool services

The school district writes an IEP (Individualized Education Program), and speech therapy is provided at no cost, often at a district preschool. Some families add private sessions for more practice or a different schedule.

Your child doesn't qualify

School eligibility rules are different from early intervention's, so some children who were in early intervention don't qualify at 3, even though they still have a speech or language delay. Private therapy can pick up where early intervention left off.

Your child qualifies, but you want more support

District services may be less frequent than what your child had before. Private therapy can sit alongside the IEP, with goals shared between both teams.

Questions to ask at your transition meeting

- [ ] When will the school district evaluate my child, and what does it look at?
- [ ] If my child qualifies, how many minutes of speech therapy a week, and where?
- [ ] If my child doesn't qualify, what should we do next?
- [ ] Can you share the latest early intervention reports with the new team?

Continued speech therapy online

Articulink offers private speech therapy by video for ages 2 to 18 with licensed speech-language pathologists. No waitlist: start within days, with parent coaching in every session, and evening and weekend times. With your consent, we share goals with your child's IEP team.

Read the full guide, or book a free 15-minute consultation

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Questions? Bring them to your free consultation, or see articu.link/questions.

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This page is for general information. Talk with your child's dentist or doctor about their specific needs.