Transition Plan – Sample

The activities and timeline included in this sample have been modified from an actual local school district's transition plan. Activities and the month in which they occur should be adapted based on local needs.
Transition Plan

August
- Get Ready for School Program for incoming kindergarten students
- Kindergarten teachers send letters to incoming kindergarten students
- Kindergarten teachers call/visit kindergarten students
- Fourth summer mailing of book and activity packets to incoming kindergarten children
- Back to School night orientation meeting
- Kindergarten screenings and meetings with individual parents and children

September
- Hold a Transition-Readiness Committee meeting with community kindergarten teachers,
  preschool teachers, and program administrators
- Schedule visits of preschool and kindergarten teachers to each other’s classrooms
- Determine students and activities for Let’s Talk program; contact families to register.
  (Let’s Talk is a program to teach parents ways to elicit oral language from their children, and to
give children practice in oral language skills. The program runs for seven weeks, once per week)
- Transition surveys to parents asking for input on transition practices

October
- Readiness and Transition surveys to kindergarten teachers
- Readiness and Transition surveys to elementary principals
- Readiness and Transition surveys to preschool teachers
- Readiness and Transition surveys to preschool directors
- Let’s Talk program continues

November
- Refinement of activities or process for next school year based upon survey results

December
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January
- Meet with kindergarten and title teachers to plan for spring and summer programming

February
- Order materials for kindergarten registration gift packets for families
- Assemble registration gift packets and deliver to school buildings

March
- Hold a Transition-Readiness Committee meeting
- Deliver Common Transition forms to area preschools for information about incoming
  kindergarten children
- Meet with kindergarten teachers to plan Let’s Talk, kindergarten visitations by classrooms
  and individually with parents, kindergarten screening, and Get Ready for School program
- Call preschools to give them dates of kindergarten registration

April
- Send postcards to all district residents reminding families about kindergarten registration
- Prepare Sign-up sheets for kindergarten visitations in May, which parents may sign up for
  at kindergarten registration
- Kindergarten registration
- Determine numbers of children registered during kindergarten registration
- Arrange for preschool classes to visit elementary buildings and kindergarten classes
- Letters to parents of children enrolled in speech therapy about summer speech opportunities
May
• Plan and purchase materials for summer mailings of books and related activities to incoming kindergarten children
• Arrange for buses to be at kindergarten visitations
• Kindergarten visitations

June
• Letters out to kindergarten parents about Get Ready for School registration. (Get Ready for School is a program conducted in August, prior to the beginning of school that introduces children to the school environment and staff, as well as covering social-emotional and standards-based opportunities for learning)
• First summer mailing of book and activity packets
• SPARK Speech Spectacular (A summer speech program—IEP’s to Service Provider)
• Receive Common Transition Forms and deliver to correct building and teacher
• Review Ready Schools Activities with building principals

July
• Conduct SPARK Speech Spectacular
• Second summer mailing of book and activity packets
• Third summer mailing of book and activity packets
• Planning meeting for Get Ready for School program
• Prepare for Kindergarten Screening

Throughout the Year
• Send Elementary Newsletters to Preschools
• Invite preschool staff to in-service meetings/workshops of common interest
• Invite preschool students to assemblies at elementary school, as appropriate