

## Transition Plan for Children Moving from Blue Door to Preschool Rooms

- Begin talking to the child about visiting and moving to the new classroom at home and at school; follow the child's lead
- Brief visits to the classroom with a Blue Door teacher on hallway walks, etc.
- Parents may want to stop by the new classroom to say Hello with their child at drop off and pick up and/or watch from the booth
- Blue Door shares a picture book of the new classroom with the transitioning family to read at home
- Blue Door teachers work on giving the child more opportunities for preschool activities and responsibilities such as putting on their own shoes, coat, gloves and clothes; cleaning up their toys when finished; toileting; using a spoon and not wearing a bib; drinking from a cup without a lid, etc.; parents reinforce this at home
- Blue Door teachers may schedule a parent conference (depending on if a conference is needed or requested by parents)
- A transition conference may be scheduled with teacher from the new classroom (and a Blue Door teacher if possible or requested by parents) to familiarize the family with the new classroom, note differences between the programs and answer parent questions
- A visiting schedule is developed for the 2 weeks prior to the transition to allow the child to gradually acclimate to the new room; this schedule is flexible based on each individual child's temperament and classroom schedules and staffing