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### **BCIU Hosting “Kindergarten Transition Fair” for Child Care Providers** *Event will help ease anxiety and smooth the move from pre-school into kindergarten*

READING, PA – The transition from pre-school to kindergarten can be a stressful process. And not just for the children and their parents – pre-school providers often have dozens of questions: “Where and when do parents register their children for kindergarten?” “Should I be teaching the pre-schoolers their ABCs, or will that be taught in kindergarten?” “How can I better help the children get ready for this next phase?”

As a way to ease this process and to help pre-school programs provide a curriculum that will ready the youngsters for kindergarten, the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) will be hosting a “Kindergarten Transition Fair” on Thursday, January 22, for dozens of licensed pre-kindergarten child care providers. Caregivers will come to the BCIU’s Education Centre to visit with representatives from 12 of the county’s 18 public school districts and receive information on kindergarten preparation and registration. They then may relay the information to the children’s parents so that the transition will go more smoothly for everyone.

**WHO:** Berks County school districts and about 60 licensed pre-kindergarten child care providers.  
Day-of-event contact: **Wendy Steensland**, senior program administrator for BCIU Early Care and Education, 610-987-8522 / wenste@berksiu.org.

**WHAT:** A “kindergarten transition fair” where 12 of Berks County’s public school districts will present information on preparing pre-school age children for the transition into kindergarten, with an emphasis on the kindergarten registration process.

**WHERE:** BCIU Education Centre, 2101 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19605 (Centre’s phone: 610-987-8300).

**WHEN:** 4-7 p.m., Thursday, January 22, 2009

**WHY:** Providing this information to pre-K providers will help them better prepare their charges for kindergarten and help ease the transition into kindergarten for children and their parents, a process that can be confusing and stressful.

**FEATURE/VISUAL POTENTIAL:** Dozens of individuals from more than 60 licensed Berks County pre-kindergarten child care centers will be visiting information tables at which kindergarten teachers and curriculum coordinators from 12 of the county’s 18 school districts will be available to discuss curriculum and transition/registration processes with the providers.

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