

Federal IDEA Part C and Part B Transition Requirements for Late Referrals to IDEA Part C (135 days or less before a child's third birthday)

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When children are referred to Part C as they are approaching age 3, there are different program and Annual Performance Report (APR) reporting requirements for the IDEA Part C and Part B Programs depending on the child's age. The Part C requirements for these "late referrals" vary for three distinct date ranges before the child's third birthday.

- Referred and determined eligible between 135 and 90 days
- Referred and determined eligible between 89 and 45 days
- Referred less than 45 days (44 days or less)

These charts illustrate requirements, roles and responsibilities of Parts C and B programs within the three time periods. Most of the requirements for this first timeframe are identical to those for children referred to Part C at least 90 days before their third birthday; however, some reporting requirements and recommended practices are unique for this timeframe. The chart's information is based on:

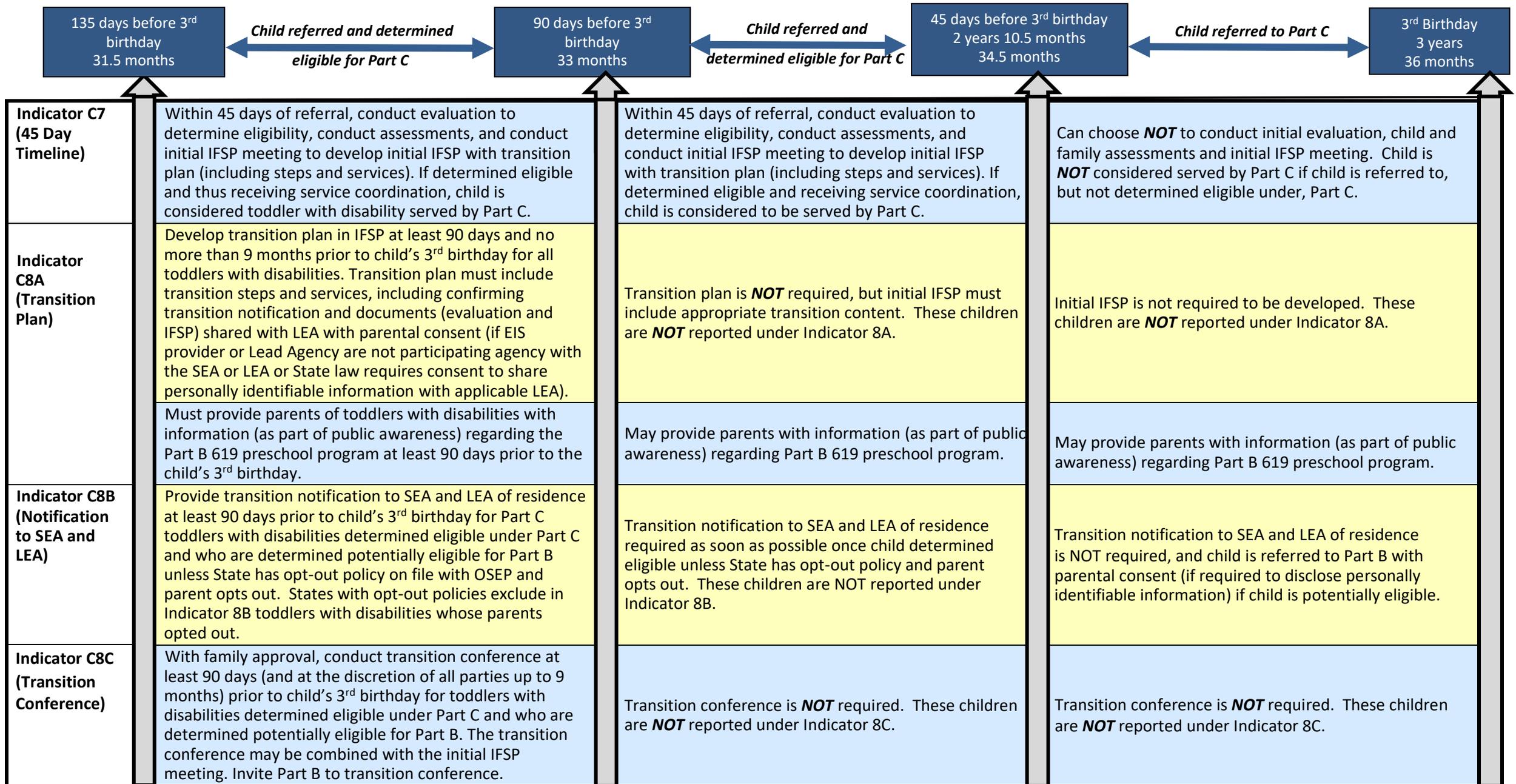
- [IDEA 2004 Statute \(P.L. 108-446\)](#)
- [IDEA Part B Federal Regulations: 34 CFR §300](#)
- [IDEA Part C Federal Regulations: 34 CFR §303](#)
- [2023 Early Childhood Transition Questions and Answers](#)

Coordination between the IDEA Part C and Part B program is critical to ensure that both programs can reach and maintain 100% compliance with SPP/APR Indicators C8 and B12 on early childhood transition. States must have transition agreements between the Part C and Part B preschool programs to address transition. It is also critical to ensure that families gain an understanding of the different service delivery systems and their options in a compassionate and meaningful way. And finally, it is important to ensure that children receive the services they need to promote their learning and development. Collaboration between the two programs helps families and children adjust to, and prepare for, this period of transition.

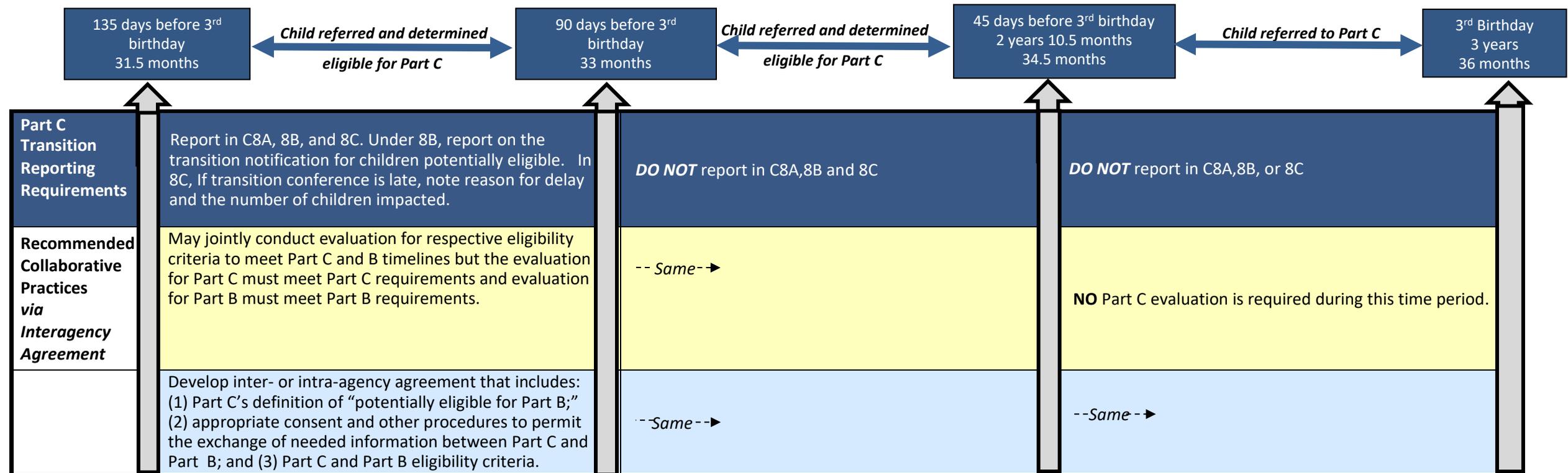
The IDEA Part C and Part B programs are strongly encouraged to work together to develop collaborative State and local practices to ensure smooth transitions for children and families and that both programs meet the required timelines.

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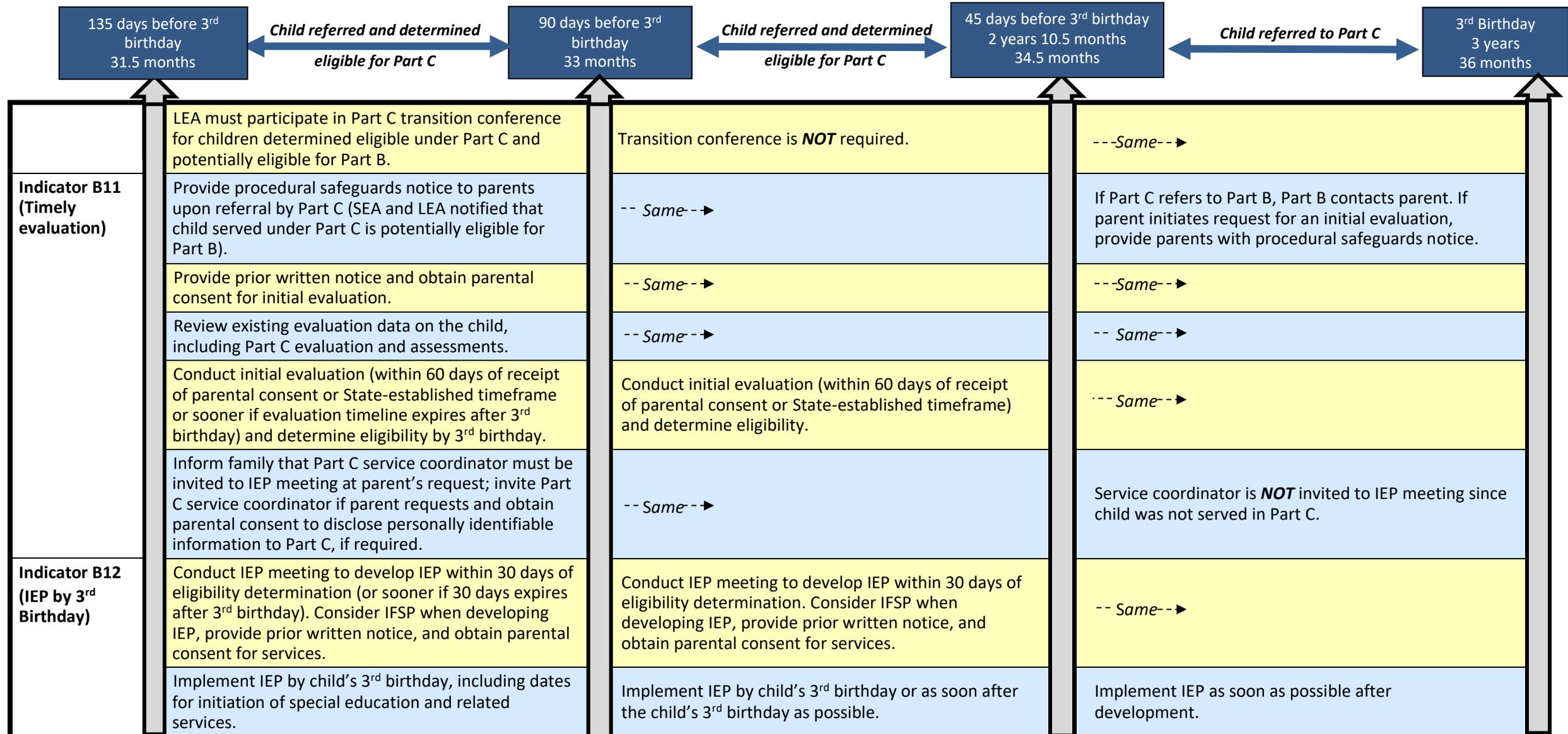
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