

Initial Report

Back-to-School Preparedness/ Transition from Remote to In-Person

Families Know Best - September 2021

1 - What is your place of residence?

Answer	Count
New Castle County, DE	12
Kent County, DE	6
Sussex County, DE	2
Other - Pennsylvania Resident	3
Other- New Jersey Resident	1
Other- Maryland Resident	0
Total	24

2 - What is your child's disability or health condition?

Answer	Count
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	1
Autism Spectrum Disorder	6
Cerebral Palsy	1
Diabetes	1
Down syndrome	1
Epilepsy	0
Traumatic Brain Injury	1
Other (please specify): (see next slide)	2
Multiple disabilities (please specify): (see next slide)	11
Hearing Impairment/Deaf	0
Visual Impairment/Blind	0
Total	24

2 - What is your child's disability or health condition?

Other (please specify): - Text

Rett Syndrome

mild intellectual disability

Multiple Disabiities (please specify): - Text

ADHD and anxiety

Cunduct disorder adjustment disorder

Epilepsy and ADHD

autism, intellectual delay, mood disorder, OCD, ADHD, depression, global developmental delay, nonverbal

MD, trach, chrons

ADHD and AUTISM

Cerebral palsy, epilepsy, developmental delay

Attachment Disorder, Conduct Disorder, ADHD

Down syndrome; Autism

cdk13 gene mutation, cas

Rare genetic diagnosis, CP, seizures, etc

3 - What is the age of your child?

Answer	Count
0-4 years old	0
5-11 years old	9
12-21 years old	12
over 21 years old	3
Total	24

4 - Please identify yourself.

Answer	Count
Mother	23
Father	1
Legal Guardian	0
Foster Parent	0
Other (please specify):	0
Total	24

5 - What is your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

Answer	Count
White	19
Black or African American	3
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin	1
Asian	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Other (please specify): (see below)	2
Total	27

Other (please specify): - Text

I'm white, child is Latino

Asian/black

6 - Do you consider your child's health insurance coverage to be adequate to meet your child's needs?

Answer	Count
Yes	18
No (please explain below): (see below)	6
Total	24

No (please explain below): - Text

We do pay a lot on co pays.

does not cover aparaxia therapy, music and aqua therapy at all places

No mental health services. We've had different insurances over the years; only one was helpful. We sent our son to a 15-mo. treatment program and didn't receive a dime of insurance relief. Wiped out a lot of our savings.

He's about to turn 18 and I don't know how things work once hes an adult

Primary insurance does not cover everything. Up until she turned 21, having Medicaid as a secondary covered whatever was not covered by primary. Now, however, she cannot cross state lines with Medicaid.

so many things insurance doesn't cover I end up out of pocket for

7 - In which school district is your child attending school?

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Red clay

Christina (2)

Milford School District (2)

Lake forest

Prefer not to say.

Officially, Christina; that is Christina is considered his home district. His disabilities are so severe, however, that he is actually attending a residential school in Pennsylvania, since no school in Delaware is capable of providing him the needed supports. (The Christina School District is paying for him to attend there.)

CSD

Appoquinimink school district

Chester County IU as directed by Oxford, PA

Capital

Red clay (but he is actually attending school in Cherry Hill NJ, because RED CLAY didn't have the right placement for him after he was in residential treatment

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

Absecon school district - Atlantic County NJ

Garnet Valley/HMS School for Cerebral Palsy

not charter school

CRSD

Not in school (1), No longer in school and is employed full time (1), None already graduated (1), In college now. (1), N/a homeschool (1), N/A (1)

8 - Do you feel your child's school was prepared for the transition from virtual back to in-person instruction and therapies?

Answer	Count
Yes	17
No	7
Total	24

9 - What were your concerns in regards to preparedness of your child's school/district to transition from virtual back to in-person instruction and therapies?

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I dont mind but the did not do much pre instruction that i seen

Lack of PPE for staff
No procedures to protect kiddos in c settings

N/A

N/a

not having enough space for kids to distance themselves

Their understanding of my young adults cognitive ability and understanding of the seriousness of the pandemic

n/a

10 - Did you express your concerns to the school/district?

Answer	Count
Yes (see below)	3
No	4
Total	7

11 - How did the school/district handle your concerns?

How did the school/district handle your concerns?
Vague responses, blame shifting to administration
never received an email back
email

12 - Have you had an individualized education plan (IEP) meeting for this school year?

Answer	Count
Yes	11
No	13
Total	24

13 - What are the reasons for not having had an IEP meeting for this school year?

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Scheduled next month
It's only been 3 days into the school year. We did have a IEP meeting in Feb of 2021z
n/a child has graduated
not in school
Not needed
N/a
School just started yesterday, one is planned
We had one in June. We are not set to meet as of yet.
N/A
We homeschool
To be scheduled
School just started
Because school just started

14 - Does your child have a new IEP for this school year?

Answer	Count
Yes (see below_	9
No	15
Total	24

15 - Which of the following services and supports will your child be receiving this school year?
(Check all that apply.)

Answer	Count
Physical Therapy	4
Occupational Therapy	6
Speech-Language Pathology	8
Psychology	3
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy	4
Other. Please specify... Tutoring	1
Total	26

16 - Does your child's IEP include options for therapies to be received in-person, virtual or hybrid?

Answer	Count
In-person	6
Virtual	0
Hybrid	3
Total	9

17 - Are you satisfied with the proposed goals in your child's IEP?

Answer	Count
Yes	6
No. Please explain. (see below)	3
Total	9

No. Please explain.

My son is almost 20; I wish that more could be done to prepare him for being in the community. Unfortunately, COVID is preventing that.

Goals are low, because he has regressed so much with the lack of in person days offered. Who can progress, let alone keep skills with 2 days a week?

not a literacy approach and no long term planning

18 - Are you satisfied with the proposed format (i.e. in-person, virtual or hybrid)?

Answer	Count
Yes	7
No. Please explain.	2
Total	9

No. Please explain.

everything is in person except speech is only thing I agree could be virtual if needs to

They need to stop clumping DAP with gen Ed kids. If they stopped cow towing to normal kids parents, they would Be able to better serve the neediest.

19 - Do you have any concerns about your child transitioning back to in-person instruction and therapies?

Answer	Count
Yes	7
No	17
Total	24

20 - Please list your concerns.

Please list your concerns.

not having aac support

precautions truly being implemented

I'm worried that things are not set up correctly for him to graduate

I want to be able to decide what is best for my child and be told I have to do this. I no longer feel the medical community is a safe place for my child.

Covid cases on the rise again and not all students/staff are vaccinated

My kid dying of COVID

Not reliable car have bring my other child.

21 - Did you bring your concerns to your child's school/district?

Answer	Count
Yes	3
No	4
Total	7

22 - Are you satisfied with how your child's school/district handled your concerns?

Answer	Count
Yes	0
No. Please explain. (see below)	3
Total	3

No. Please explain.

Hired a lawyer

Dismissive

they do not listen

23 - If given the option, would you go back to virtual instruction and therapies?

Answer	Count
Yes (see question #24)	9
No (see question #25)	15
Total	24

24 - What do you like about the virtual option at your child's school?

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Ease of use

(College) - kids are probably responsible enough, at that age, to cope with any drawbacks created by virtual learning.

I would prefer in person for everything but if virtual were the only option I like that my child is able to be comfortable at home - eating /drinking/ bathroom whenever she needs to- I'm able to assist if she needs help with her schoolwork. She can do her work at a slower pace if needed and if she isn't feeling well due to her epilepsy. She sometimes has trouble focusing in a noisy active classroom setting so sometimes it's easier to get work done at home where it's quieter.

N/a

He doesn't have to drive over and hours each way to class, he doesn't have to worry and stress about being near other children who's families may have decided NOT to get the vaccination

That my child is home safe and secure where I can ensure that continues.

Safety

It is more likely to keep him safe from COVID than in-person options.

They like it better.

25 - Please explain why you would not go back to a virtual option? (continued on next slide)

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With his level of needs, virtual did nothing to advance his skills. He needs in person OT, PT, Speech, & classroom instruction.

If there is a need to go back to a virtual due to students or staff being sick. We would consider going back to virtual. At this time there is not a need for it.

n/a

no pca support at home and no help from therapist

They do not provide the interactions and opportunities to promote the learning of my daughter.

My family is comfortable with being back in person.

if I have to ,we would but in person works better for him

N/A

My daughter has graduated and she is now attending an “extra/repeated” year as allowed by our governor. If we go back to virtual learning, I would probably keep her home without attending.

25- Please explain why you would not go back to a virtual option?

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My son cannot focus without constant prompts. There are too many distractions on the iPad. If I am working I cannot check all the time.

My kid didn't learn anything, let alone retain skills

He needs the interaction and its not his learning style he needs to see and hear more then read to take it in

its not productive or my child's needs. she needs to be in person to thrive and get support she needs. with her disabilities she needs the therapies in person to assist her

He was upset he couldn't make friends

Child does not do well virtual

26 - Do you have any suggestions for future Families Know Best survey topics?

Answer	Count
Yes (see below)	7
No	17
Total	24

27 - Please list your suggestions.

Please list your suggestions.
Have we done Transition lately? Power of Attorney vs. Guardianship & parent's understanding of the tools & resources they need and/or where to go to get them?
DVR services and what's available/needed for transitions at graduation time
Managing the trauma of transition during a alarming period in life for parents, especially for those who have children who are not vaccinated and disabled.
How well the medical community handled my child's care during covid shutdowns.
Transitioning to adult care including the availability of day programs, respite, and medical providers.
It might be useful to ask about respite options. When my son was living at home, we had funding for respite, but there were no providers who both could and would provide respite for us. It might be useful to determine whether other families are in the same situation.
None