

Subject: New First Steps guidance for providers

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A new chapter of the Service Coordinator Practice Manual (Chapter 10: Transition) is now available on the web under the First Steps home page at: <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps>. Scroll down to the Practice Manual tab on the right side of the page.

While the Practice Manual is primarily intended for Service Coordinators, there is information relevant to First Steps providers, including:

Chapter 10 – Transition. This new chapter includes planning for transition out of First Steps (Section I), sharing directory information with the school district (Section II), activities related to the transition meeting (Section III), and summer third birthday services (Section IV).

Chapter 10 – Links. Information about the school district’s requirements for transition can be found on the Transition from First Steps to Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) training page at: <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/transition-first-steps-early-childhood-special>

First Steps providers are encouraged to review these transition materials to ensure provider practices are in accordance with current guidance.