

Subject: MoSPIN – Parent Education

Source: Missouri School for the Blind, Outreach Services

Intended Audience: SPOE Directors, Service Coordinators, First Steps Area Directors and Service Providers

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First Steps Service Coordinators and providers serving children who are blind, visually impaired and may have additional disabilities may be interested in learning more about MoSPIN (Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network). MoSPIN parent training services are available through Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) for families of children birth through 5, including First Steps families.

In this parent training program MoSPIN Parent Advisors visit the child's home on a regular basis to instruct parents on a variety of issues that are unique to children with visual impairments. This instruction is based on the nationally recognized INSITE curriculum and may include topics such as the child's specific visual impairment and the resulting impact on communication, motor, or other areas of development. MoSPIN does not provide direct services to children, but is meant as a complement to those services. These services may be listed in the child's IFSP under "Other Services" with MSB as the funding source.

For additional information about MoSPIN or to learn more about becoming a Parent Advisor, please contact Ginny Williams at ginwilliams@aol.com or visit our website at <http://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/mospin.html>