

Subject: First Steps Summer Third Birthdays - REMINDER

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Intended Audience: Directors of Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education Teachers, Process Coordinators, System Point of Entry Directors, First Steps Service Coordinators

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A presentation on First Steps Summer Third Birthdays is available on the Office of Special Education website at: <https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/transition-first-steps-early-childhood-special#SummerThirdBirthdaysPresentation>.

The presentation includes information on parent options for services after age three (i.e., continue in First Steps or transition to Early Childhood Special Education) for children in First Steps with third birthdays between April 1 and August 15. The presentation also includes information on First Steps and ECSE requirements and timelines for children with summer third birthdays. We encourage you to review these materials to ensure your practices are in accordance with current guidance.