

Subject: Transition from First Steps to ECSE

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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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Staff in the Office of Special Education have updated the presentation and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Transition from First Steps to Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). The presentation includes information on the First Steps requirements for notification to ECSE, opt out policy, and transition meeting types as well as ECSE requirements for the evaluation process for children transitioning from First Steps as well as timeline requirements. We encourage you to review the recorded presentation and related materials to ensure your practices are in accordance with current guidance.

To listen to the recorded presentation and review the FAQ or other transition materials, go to: <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/transition-first-steps-early-childhood-special>.