

Subject: Transition from First Steps to Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) - 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 and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Transition from First Steps to Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is available on the Office of Special Education website listed below. The presentation includes information on the First Steps requirements for notification to ECSE, opt out policy, and transition meeting types (Part 1 in the presentation) and ECSE requirements for the evaluation process and timelines for children transitioning from First Steps (Part 2 in the presentation). 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>.