

Subject: Webinars/Special Education/Changes in Transition from First Steps to ECSE Effective March 30, 2014 - 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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Changes to the transition process between First Steps and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) became effective on March 30, 2014. These changes are described in the Missouri State Plans for Special Education for Part B and Part C located at the following link:
<http://dese.mo.gov/se/compliance/specedlawsregs.html>.

The Office of Special Education is providing guidance on these changes through a recorded presentation and live questions/answers session. Be sure to view the recorded presentation on the changes and then join us for the live questions/answers session.

RECORDED PRESENTATION

A recorded presentation is now available 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. To listen to the recorded presentation, go to:
<http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar-04-15-14-SE.htm> and click on "view the recorded webinar" (approximate playing time is 60 minutes).

LIVE PRESENTATION

Join us for a live questions/answers session over the content of the recorded presentation tomorrow, April 15, 2014, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. If you have questions you would like to submit prior to the questions/answers session, please submit them to: sefirststeps@dese.mo.gov (indicate "Transition Webinar" in the subject line). We will respond to the questions in the questions/answers session.

To participate in the Questions/Answers session on April 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., go to:
<http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar-04-15-14-SE.htm> and click on "Log in to the live webinar."