

Updated First Steps Transition Handbook

The Office of Special Education, Early Intervention Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is pleased to share an updated First Steps Transition Handbook.

Key revisions to the handbook include:

- o Added strategies to help prepare families for transition at age three;
- o Added remarks from families who participated in First Steps;
- Clarified First Steps and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) timelines and required activities; and
- Improved design and format to be more family-friendly.

The Transition from First Steps to ECSE website has been updated to reflect the new handbook, as well as training materials (i.e., PowerPoint recording and handouts) for transition from First Steps and summer third birthday services.

For more information about transition timelines and activities, please visit the Transition from First Steps to ECSE website at: <u>https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/transition-first-steps-early-childhood-special</u>.

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