

Strong Beginnings

QuickStart Guide Section 11: Transitions

Transition philosophy is mostly the same.

- The transition into Strong Beginnings and from Strong Beginnings to GSRP needs to be planned.

The guidance for transition into Strong Beginnings is similar.

- The ECC should ensure programs such as Home Visiting and Early On that might have appropriate children to transition into Strong Beginnings are informed about the program.
- Because children entering Strong Beginnings are only three years old, families are likely to have more concerns about leaving them and children are more likely to experience separation anxiety. These factors must be taken into account when planning transitions.

Children and families need to be prepared for the transition into GSRP much the same way children and families in GSRP are prepared for transition to kindergarten.

- Families may select the GSRP site that best meets their needs. They should get automatic priority placement in any GSRP program they choose.
- Family Liaisons should plan for and discuss with families the termination of services at the end of Strong Beginnings and ensure families have resources and understanding of where additional support will be available.
- Activities like visiting the GSRP classroom that the Strong Beginnings children are most likely to attend and offering a few summer events for transitioning children to keep and build community are encouraged.
- Families should be informed of all GSRP policies and procedures and the differences between Strong Beginnings and GSRP as they transition.