

Strong Beginnings

QuickStart Guide Section 4: Early Childhood Specialist

Most ECS requirements

- Experience and education with infants, toddlers and young preschoolers preferred.
- Qualified ECSs may support both Strong Beginnings and GSRP classrooms if they have sufficient time to do so.

Most ECS expectations

- Strong Beginnings ECSs should also be familiar with the ECSQ-IT, The Birth to Age 3 Literacy Essentials, PreK Literacy Essentials and the Strong Beginnings Pilot Implementation Manual.
- Strong Beginnings ECS should meet at least 3 times per year with the teaching team and Family Liaison to facilitate sharing of information and clarifying each person's role and responsibilities.
- ECS plans specific professional learning that is geared toward the age and developmental level of children in Strong Beginnings.
- If the teaching team is new to the program or new to Strong Beginnings, ECS conducts a full program evaluation tool in the fall.
- Strong Beginnings ECS contact logs will be submitted to the MSU evaluation team.