

Strong Beginnings

Quick Start Guide Section 4: Early Childhood Specialist

What is the same	What is new or different
Most ECS requirements	Experience and education with infants, toddlers and young preschoolers preferred.
N/A	Qualified ECSs may support both Strong Beginnings and GSRP classrooms if have sufficient time to do so.
Most ECS expectations	Strong Beginnings ECSs should also be familiar with the Strong Beginnings Pilot Implementation Manual.
N/A	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. They should facilitate completion of the Roles and Responsibilities Chart at the beginning of the school year.
N/A	ECS plans specific professional learning that is geared toward the age and developmental level of children in Strong Beginnings.
N/A	If teaching team is new to sub-recipient or new to Strong Beginnings, ECS conducts a full program evaluation tool (CLASS 2nd edition) in the fall.