

Strong Beginnings

Quick Start Guide Section 12: Transitions

Transition philosophy is mostly the same.

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

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. Both need to be planned for.

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 their services at the end of Strong Beginnings and ensure families have resources and understanding of where additional support will be available during GSRP.
- Activities like visiting the GSRP classroom most children will attend and offering a few summer events for transitioning children from each site 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.