

- The requirement for recertification training hours is 24 hours over a three-year period. If done annually, this is only eight hours per year.
 - I highly urge all ITDS to start working on CEUs over the course of 3 years. It is extremely difficult to find appropriate EI CEU courses if waiting until last minute!
 - **If ITDS does not have ITDS ReCertification completed by end of 3 year due date (includes approved recertification form and course completions), the ITDS would be placed on “inactive” status (possible caseload changes if needed) until the ITDS has completed required ITDS Recertification.**
- The Early Steps State Office will not be approving the trainings used for continuing education. The Local Early Steps are responsible for reviewing courses to ensure they meet the requirements in Policy 10.6.5.A and keeping documentation at the local level.
 - **If you would like me to review courses not listed in the ESSO provided list of websites/courses, you will need to provide all information about the company providing the training, course details and description, and any documentation to identify the trainings are in compliance with the two bullet points below. I would highly suggest submitting this documentation prior to the course being taken, in the event the course is not approved for ITDS Recertification, and the provider takes the course with no credit given.**
- **Trainings must relate to infant and toddler development or family engagement with caregivers of children under 36 months of age.**
 - This can include: employer sponsored in-service activities of an instructional nature (such as special workshops or formal training sessions), state association workshops and seminars offered through professional associations, formal online courses offered through professional organizations or those identified in Guidance 10.6.5, or college or university course work that is post-degree.
- Activities that would not be appropriate for in-service training include routine business or provider meetings, committee meetings, employee or provider orientation training, coaching sessions, and unsupervised or self-directed study.
- Continuing education hours completed prior to ITDS becoming active Early Steps provider are not applicable.
- If ITDS is transferring to NBES from another LES program, with active status, their **ITDS recertification would be due every 3 years from date of initial Early Steps enrollment as ITDS.**

*Early Steps Policy Handbook
1/1/2020*

	10.6.5 All ITDSs must renew their ITDS certification every three years from the date of their last certification. Such renewal will include: A. Completion of a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education within the previous three-year period related to infant and toddler development or family engagement with caregivers of children under 36 months of age. Hours of continuing education may include: 1. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in relevant classes, and/or 2. In-service hours. B. Documentation of all CEUs and/or in-service hours on the Early Steps ITDS Recertification Form and Continuing Education Credits or In-Service Hours Form.	Operations Guide 10.6.5
---	--	--

10.6.5	Recommended online training sites include the following: A. <u>Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA)/Events & Learning Opportunities</u> at https://ectacenter.org/events/, B. <u>Division of Early Childhood (DEC)</u> at https://www.dec-spced.org/professional-development, C. <u>Zero to Three</u> at https://www.zerotothree.org/learningcenter, D. <u>National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)</u> at https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pd, E. <u>Florida Office of Early Learning</u> at http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/professional-development, F. <u>Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy (CPEIP)</u> at https://cpeip.fsu.edu/, and G. <u>Florida Maternal infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative</u> at https://www.flmiechv.com/for-programs/professional-development/training/.	
------------------------	---	--

Early Intervention Courses may be available on the Florida TRAIN website, here:
<https://www.train.org/florida/home>

Florida Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist Certification Renewal Guidelines

Since April 2017, North Beaches Early Steps has recertified all providers every three (3) years.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Early Steps State Office is requiring all Infant Toddler Development Specialists be recertified every three (3) years, including a new requirement documenting 24 hours of continuing education credits or in-service training hours (Component 10 - 10.6.5 *ES Policy*).

http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy/es_policy.html).

- All ITDS Recertifications are to be completed no later than 12/31/20, including required 24 hours of Continuing Education Credits.
- There are two (2) new forms required with ITDS recertifications
 - ITDS Recertification Form (1.1.20)
 - ITDS Continuing Education Credits Form (1.1.20)
- A list of recommended online training websites has been provided (10.6.5 *ES Operations Guide*).
 - Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA)/Events & Learning Opportunities at <https://ectacenter.org/events/>.
 - Division of Early Childhood (DEC) at <https://www.dec-sped.org/professional-development>.
 - Zero to Three at <https://www.zerotothree.org/learningcenter>.
 - National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) at <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pd>.
 - Florida Office of Early Learning at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/professional-development>.
 - Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy (CPEIP) at <https://cpeip.fsu.edu/>, and
 - Florida Maternal infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative at <https://www.flmiechv.com/for-programs/professional-development/training/>.