

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships and Early Head Start Expansion

2016 Funding Opportunity Announcements



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Overview

- New 2016 Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)
- Who can apply
- Background on Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships
- Background on Head Start (HS) & Early Head Start (EHS)
- Background on Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
- Evaluation Criteria
- Resources



Please read the ENTIRE FOA and all requirements for application submission.

**Please submit all FOA Questions to:
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- FY2016 – Congress appropriated \$135 million for new EHS-CC Partnership and EHS Expansion grants through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.
 - **EHS Expansion and EHS-CC Partnership Grants** (up to \$135M) HHS-2016-ACF-OHS-HP-1181
 - **American Indian and Alaska Native EHS Expansion and EHS-CC Partnerships** (\$3.6M available)
HHS-2016-ACF-OHS-HI-R11-1182
 - **Migrant and Seasonal EHS Expansion and EHS-CC Partnerships** (\$5.4M available) HHS-2016-ACF-OHS-HM-1183



Eligible Applicants

- Any public entities, including states, or non-profit or for-profit private entities, including community-based and faith-based organizations:
 - Existing (or current) Head Start, Early Head Start, EHS-CC Partnership, Migrant and Seasonal, and American Indian/Alaska Native grantees, and
 - Other public entities, and nonprofit or for-profit private entities, including community-based and faith-based organizations, capable of providing child and family services that meet the standard for participation in programs under the Head Start Act.



Applicants have the choice of applying in one of three ways:

- EHS-CC Partnerships,
- Non-Partnership EHS Expansion or
- a mix of both EHS-CC Partnerships and Non-Partnership EHS Expansion.

An applicant may submit only **one application per service area**, regardless of how they choose to apply. ACF will review only one application for a service area from any applicant.



Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships

- Support states and communities in expanding high quality early learning and development opportunities for infants and toddlers.
- Enhance and support early learning settings to provide full-day, full-year comprehensive services that meet the needs of low-income working families;
- Enhance access to high-quality, full-time child care; support the development of infants and toddlers through strong relationship-based experiences; and prepare them for the transition into preschool.
- New or existing grantees will partner with local child care centers and/or family child care programs and will be required to leverage current investments through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) or other sources to improve the quality of infant-toddler child care.



Early Head Start (EHS)

Added to the Head Start Act in 1995 to:

“provide family-centered services for low-income families with very young children designed to promote the development of the children and to enable their parents to fulfill their roles as parents and to move toward self sufficiency”

EHS promotes school readiness of low-income children:

- In relationship-based learning environments that support children’s growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional functioning, physical development and well-being, and approaches to learning; and
- Through the provision of health, educational, nutritional, social, and family support services.

Scope and Design of EHS from Act

- Provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services that will enhance the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of participating children;
- Ensure that the level of services provided to families responds to their needs and circumstances;
- Promote positive parent-child interactions;
- Provide services to parents to support their role as parents;
- Ensure that children with documented behavioral problems receive appropriate screening and referral;
- Ensure formal linkages and coordination with other programs in the State, local Head Start programs, other local providers of early childhood education and providers of early intervention services; and
- Implement a systematic procedure for transitioning children.

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Office of Child Care Mission

- To provide more children in low-income families with access high quality care

CCDF Purpose

- Assists low-income working families obtain child care so they can work or attend training/education
- Improves quality of child care and promotes coordination among early childhood development and afterschool programs

CCDF Law

- Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) of 2014
- Section 418 of Social Security Act



CCDF Quality Investments

CCDBG of 2014

- Increases in amount of funds that must be used by states to improve the quality of child care and additional services to parents from 4 to 9 percent over 5 years.
- Requires that states spend a minimum of 3 percent to improve quality of care for infants and toddlers

Quality funds are spent for:

- professional development and training for the child care workforce;
- grants or loans to help programs meet quality standards
- enforcement of health and safety requirements;
- consumer education and resource & referral services, etc.

States use the flexibility of quality funds to promote innovation



EHS-CC Partnership and Child Care Subsidies

- EHS-CC Partnership applicants should reflect child care subsidies for no less than 25 percent of the proposed number of slots.
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and awareness of their state's subsidy and CCDF policy landscape in their proposed service area to guide fiscal plans and effectively leverage available resources.

EHS Options for Child Care Partnerships

- **Center Based Option**
 - “Full year” center based program
- **Family Child Care Option (FCC)**
 - All EHS with FCC as primary delivery (with some structural differences- i.e. ratios, space, class size)
- **Combination of Center and Family Child Care**



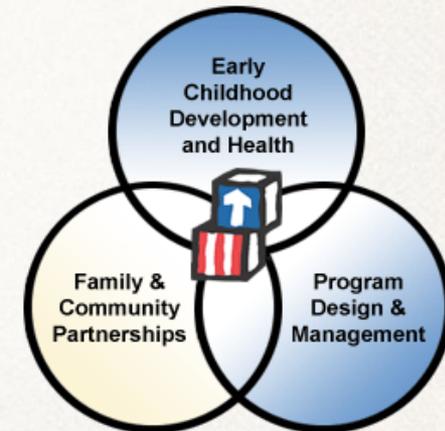
All Grantees Must Comply with Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS)

- The code of Federal regulations – [45 CFR PART 1301 - 1311](#) — contains the Program Performance Standards for the Operation of Head Start Programs by Grantee and Delegate Agencies
- The Performance Standards are the mandatory regulations that grantees and delegate agencies must implement in order to operate a Head Start and/or Early Head Start program.

Head Start Program Performance Standards

Provides Head Start and Early Head Start grantee requirements for:

- Eligibility, recruitment, selection, attendance
- Early childhood education and development
- Health and safety
- Health promotion
- Nutrition
- Disabilities
- Parent involvement
- Family partnerships
- Community partnerships
- Administrative and financial management
- Transportation and facilities



Key EHS Requirements: Ratios and Group Size

- Center based
 - One teacher for every 4 infants and toddlers
 - Maximum group size of 8
- Family Child Care
 - One Provider: max group size of 6 with no more than 2 under age 2
 - Provider and assistant: max group size of 12

Key EHS Requirements: Staff Credentials

EHS Center Based Teacher Credentials

Head Start Act Section 645A(h):

- (1) Ensure that, not later than September 30, 2010, all teachers providing direct services to children and families participating in Early Head Start programs located in Early Head Start centers, have a minimum of a child development associate credential, and have been trained (or have equivalent coursework) in early childhood development; and
- (2) establish staff qualification goals to ensure that not later than September 30, 2012, all such teachers have been trained (or have equivalent coursework) in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development.



EHS-CC Partnership Roles and Responsibilities

- All EHS-CC Partnership grantees must ensure that all children receive services set forth in HSPPS, whether that is done by the grantee or through support or financial assistance to the child care partner.
- EHS-CC Partner sites are responsible for meeting all of the direct education and health and safety requirements.
- Grantees will ensure that all other comprehensive services will be provided by the grantee, the partners, or through community referrals.
- Start-Up and Implementation Period activities



Project Period

- The project period will be up to 54 months with an initial budget period of up to 18 months, and three subsequent 12-month budget periods.

Non-federal Match

- Grantees must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved costs. This non-federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions.

Evaluation Criteria (Sections IV.2. and V.1.)

1. Community Need and Objectives (30 points)
2. Approach (30 points)
3. Organizational Infrastructure and Management Systems (15 points)
4. Staffing (15 points)
5. Bonus Points (9 points)
6. Budget (15 points)

Maximum Total without Bonus points: 105

Maximum Total with Bonus points: 114



Bonus Points (Appendix)

- Serving children living in High Poverty Zip Codes (3 points)
- Serving children residing in federally designated Promise Zones
(3 points)
- Serving children living in rural counties
(3 points)

Resources

Grants Toolkit on the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC):

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/grants/grant-toolkit>

National Center on Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehs-ccp>

Early Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc>

Office of Child Care, CCDF Reauthorization Resources:

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-reauthorization>

See Section VIII. Other Information in the FOA for other resources.



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FAQs will be posted to Grants Toolkit:

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Thank you!!