

# Foundations for Early Learning: Systematically Supporting Program Quality and Early Learning

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## DESCRIPTION

Early Head Start and Head Start grantees are considered to be among the premier early learning programs in the country. Given the focus on quality programming, it is important that grantees understand the key components to implementing sound management systems, hiring exceptional staff, and creating safe environments. This session outlines what Early Head Start/Head Start leaders should know, do, and oversee along with best practices in operating a quality program, and the fiscal implications. Program staff will understand the importance of building an exceptional program through effective leadership and decision making.

## OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe one strategy of effective leadership to set the direction of Early Head Start grantees.
2. Identify two principles that new leaders should know about fiscal systems in order to operate an exceptional program.
3. State one key organizational system for promoting active supervision.

## WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS PRESENTATION?

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## HOW CAN YOU USE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR WORK?

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## EXPLORE RELATED RESOURCES

- Review **Training Guides for the Head Start Learning Community – Cultivating Successful Management Team** at: [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/resources/ECLKC\\_Bookstore/pdfs/0ac6ef6e05306483c12e0b46c8d140d8.pdf](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/resources/ECLKC_Bookstore/pdfs/0ac6ef6e05306483c12e0b46c8d140d8.pdf)
- Read **Self-Assessment Tip Sheet** at: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/self-assess/SelfAssessmentT.htm>
- Read **Tips for Keeping Children Safe: A Developmental Guide** at: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/safety-injury-prevention/safe-healthy-environments/keep-children-safe.html#young>
- Review **Active Supervision** at: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/safety-injury-prevention/safe-healthy-environments/ActiveSupervisio.htm>
- Review **Head Start Self-Assessment: Your Foundation for Building Program Excellence** at: [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mgmt-admin/assess-monitor/self-assess/manage\\_pub\\_00807\\_091905.html](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mgmt-admin/assess-monitor/self-assess/manage_pub_00807_091905.html)
- Read **Developing a Search Strategy: Your Roadmap for Hiring** at: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/human-resources/DevelopingaSear.htm>