

# Effective Child Care and Early Head Start Collaborations that Promote High Quality Comprehensive Care

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# Websites

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Early Childhood Learning and  
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<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>

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<http://www.ehsnrc.org>

# Today's Panel



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# Collaboration

Collaboration has both challenges and triumphs

# Today's Objectives



Discuss the benefits of collaboration as well as the opportunities

Provide strategies for States and programs to consider in fostering collaborations

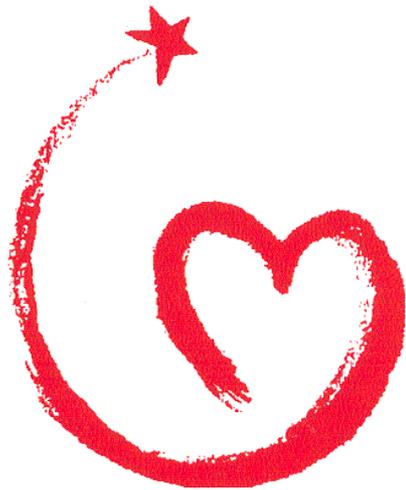
Share examples of effective partnerships

# Federal Perspective

Shannon Rudisill

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# Federal Perspective



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# Audience Survey

The average price  
for full time center  
based  
infant child care is  
\$14,591 per year/per  
child.

True or False?

# True Cost of Care

Cost of full time infant care in the US:

Average price was \$14,591 (NACCRRRA, 2008)

Average annual fees range \$4,560-\$18,773 (NACCRAA. 2010)

Average salary for full time child care providers was  
\$20,940 (Bureau of Labor, 2009)

Average salary for kindergarten teachers was \$50,380  
(Bureau of Labor, 2009)

Child Care is subsidized by low wages

Price vs. true cost

# Importance



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# Audience Survey

Does your state  
have policies  
supporting  
Child Care - EHS  
collaborations?

Yes or No

# State Policies

Child Care Development Funds and  
Early Head Start Funds:

Separate Funding

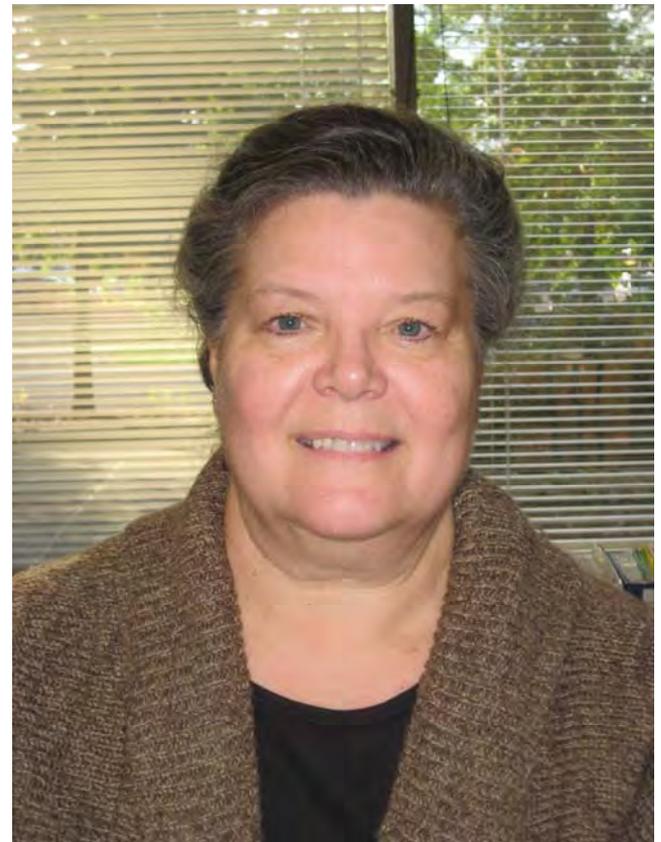
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Blended Funding

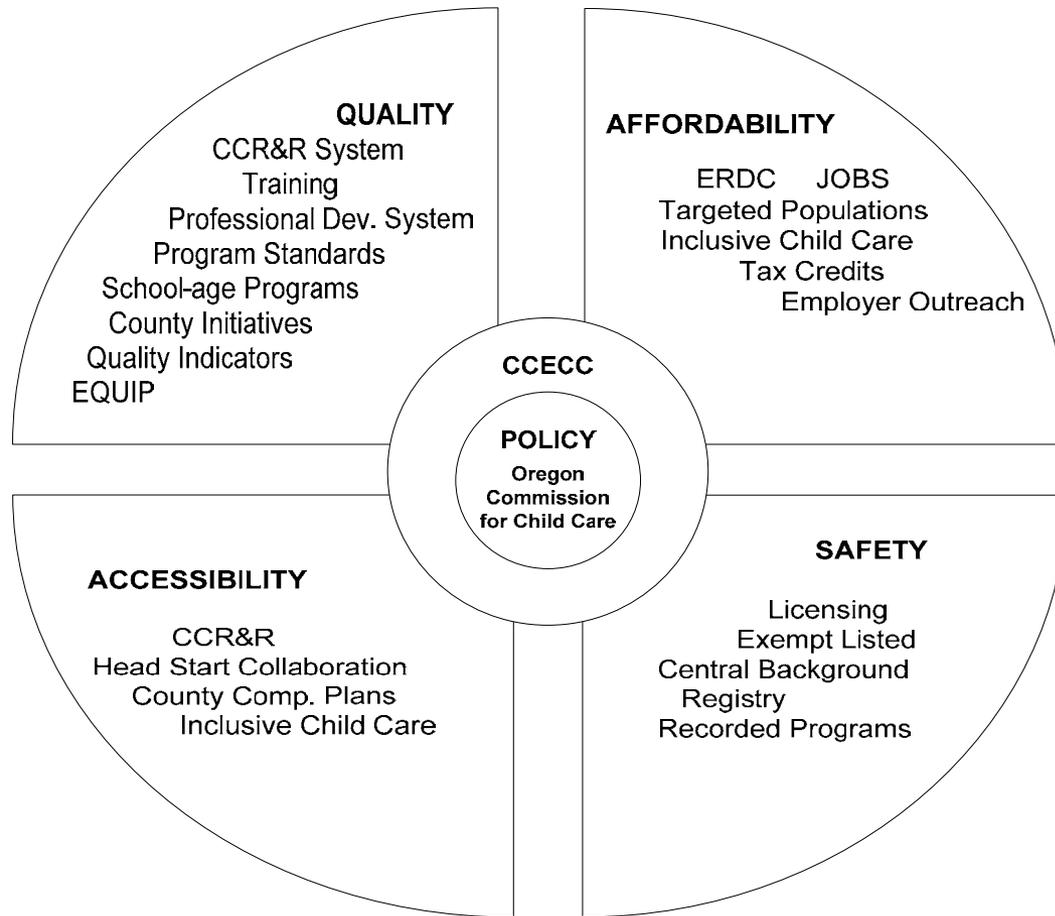
# State Perspective

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# Oregon's Child Care Infrastructure



Childhood Care & Education Coordinating Council (CCECC)

# Steps to Collaboration

- Conversations
- Crosswalk document
- Early Childhood Advisory Council
- Technical assistance grant



# Statewide Collaboration & Purpose



## Components

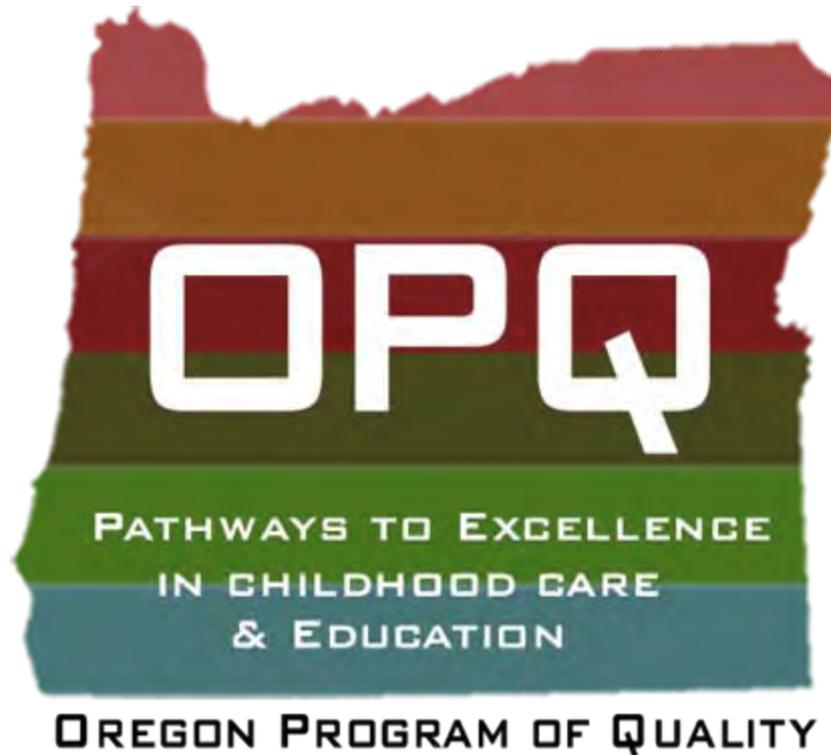
Education Awards

Oregon Registry Online

Oregon Program of Quality (OPQ)

Structural Indicators of Quality (QI)

# Oregon Program of Quality



# Benefits

Community placements  
for Early Head Start,  
Head Start, & Early  
Intervention Services



Photo: EHS NRC

# Alignment

Align State & National Standards



# Stakeholders

- Child care
- Head Start &
- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention

# Collaboration Techniques

- Seek staff good at relationship building
- Project management skills
- Policy analysis
- Budgeting
- Contract out



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# Process

Advisory Committee – Alignment

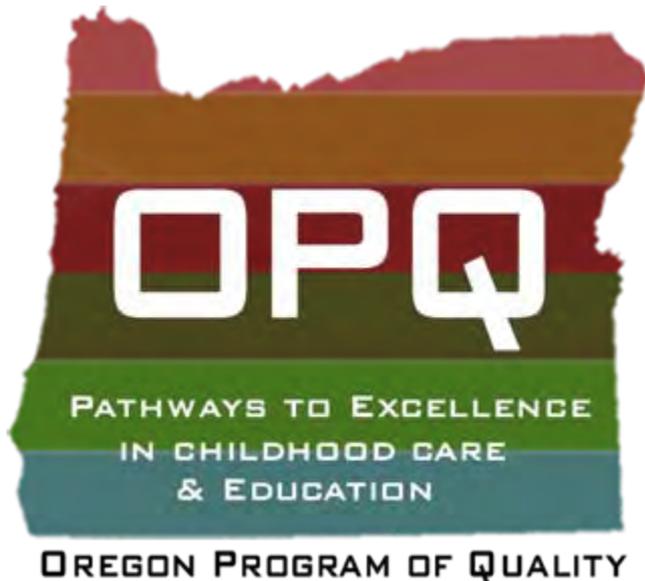
Western Oregon University

Standards

Document the work

Provide technical assistance

# Standards



- Collaborative family involvement
- Enhancing child development & learning
- Maintains an appropriate physical environment
- Highly qualified personnel
- Effective administration and business practices
- Promotes health and safety

# EQUIP Steering Committee

- Small group
- Focus on benefits
- Family & center based can participate
- Professional pride
- Quality of care
- Marketing
- Funding opportunities



Photo: EHS NRC/Clearview

# Funding

3 Sources:

Public

Private

Child Care  
Tax Credits

# Next Steps

- Full implementation of Oregon Program of Quality (OPQ) – Fall 2011
- Small cohort of 25 fully funded facilities
- Work this program before replicating across the state
- Cohort will include facilities that want to be an Early Head Start/Head Start community placement

# Questions



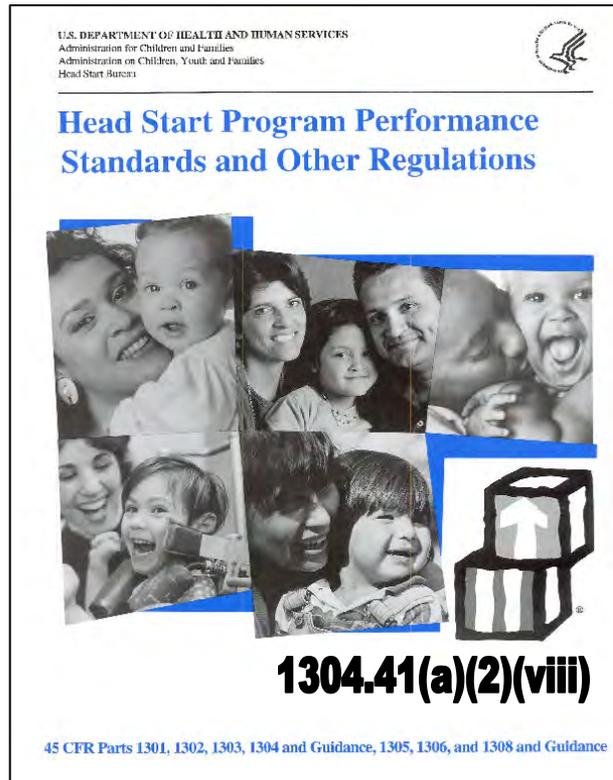
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# Audience Survey

The Head Start Program  
Performance Standards  
require partnerships  
between  
Child Care - EHS.

True or False?

# Head Start Program Performance Standards



Affirmative steps to establish collaborative relationships with community organizations

Including providers of child care services

# Types of Child Care and Early Head Start Collaborations

Providing comprehensive, full-day, full-year services for Child Care and Early Head Start families to increase quality.

Existing child care programs with Early Head Start collaborations

Partner with family child care providers/networks

Early Head Start Program can use non-Head Start funds to lengthen the day/year

Can use child care funds, including Child Care Development Funds

# Program Perspective

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# Early Head Start Children's Therapy Center



Photo: courtesy of Children's Therapy Center

# Partnerships

- 5 Center-Based
- 1 Family Child Care

## Why Partner?

- To meet family and community need

## Selecting Partners

- Criteria
- Willingness



Photo: Kid Konnection, Inc./courtesy of Children's Therapy Center

# Challenges

Fully implementing all of the Head Start  
Performance Standards

Differing regulations

Staff turnover

Differing values

# Why Did Child Care Partner?



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Ensuring:

Quality

Comprehensive  
services

Enrollment

Support

# Family Child Care Providers

Increase options for families.



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# Utilizing MOUs



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Clarity of roles and expectations

Annual review

Revise accordingly

# Strategies for Success

- Strength-based relationships
- Ongoing support
- Clarity of roles
- Understanding varying perspectives

# Benefits

Increased:

Quality care for infants/toddlers

Professionalism

Family choice & support

# Questions

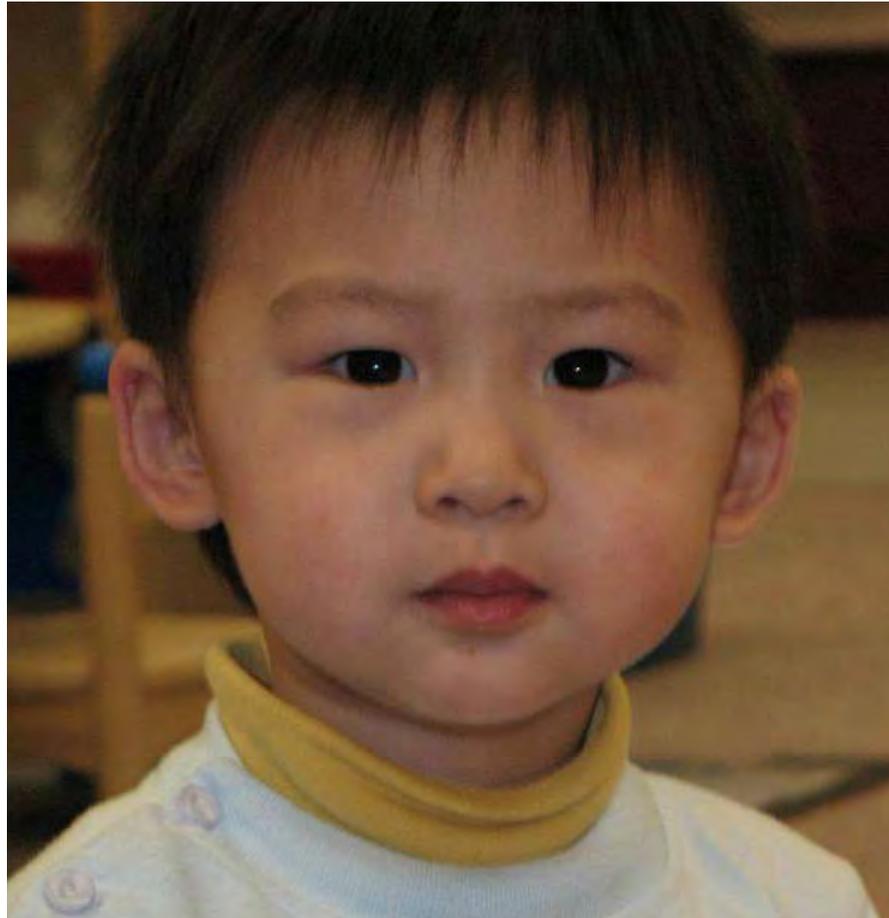


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# Resources

## **“Partnerships and Collaborations”**

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center  
(NCCIC)

## **“Community Partnerships.”**

*ECLKC*

## **NCCIC Resources**

Child Care Bulletin: Building Partnerships for Children and Families, 35. December 2009.

## **Federal Regulations and Policy Resources.**

Information Memorandum: Improving Head Start Collaboration With Programs Funded Through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). June 29, 1999.

## **QUILT Tools.**

A Checklist for Developing a Partnership Agreement/Contract. 2002.

Questions for State-level Leaders to Consider

# Family Child Care Project Webinar

For ARRA-funded Early Head Start grantees

Information Webinars

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm ET

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 pm ET

See NITCCI website for more information:

<http://nitcci.nccic.acf.hhs.gov/whatsnew/index.htm>