



Early Head Start for Family Child Care Project Webinar Recap

What is the purpose of this demonstration project?

To strengthen the community of Early Head Start (EHS) designated family child care (FCC) providers by building their capacity to provide sustainable, quality comprehensive services for children in low-income families.

Why family child care?

- FCC provides care to infants and toddlers in a home-like setting and often in their own communities.
- Utilizing the FCC option offers flexibility to EHS programs, allowing them to provide continuous services to children in a wider range of locations.
- FCC offers flexibility to families in terms of hours and days of the week that care is offered.
- Families served through FCC often share the culture and language of the provider, assuring culturally competent and linguistically diverse EHS services.

What will happen in this project?

24 ARRA-funded EHS grantee teams will develop and implement a work plan that identifies activities associated with a partnership between EHS and Child Care through the EHS family child care option.

1. Interested programs will identify a 2-member project team.
2. As part of the application, programs will nominate up to 3 consultants as Child Care Partnership Coordinator (CCPC) candidates. One will be selected to provide support to the team as they develop and implement their work plan throughout 2011.
3. Selected teams will attend a 2½ day meeting in January in Washington, DC with their CCPC (travel and expenses are funded by ZERO TO THREE). The CCPC will also attend a 1½ day meeting prior to being joined by the teams.
4. Teams will develop a work plan that creates a partnership between EHS and child care through the implementation of the EHS family child care option.
5. ZERO TO THREE staff will be available for technical assistance in developing the partnership as well as to approve resource funds to support the work plan.
6. Teams will keep in touch with ZERO TO THREE staff and share their lessons learned as the partnerships grow and strengthen.
7. Mathematica Policy Research will conduct the project evaluation.

As a result of participating in this demonstration project, EHS programs will:

- Build a partnership that supports low-income children in EHS-designated family child care provider homes by:
 - Building on existing strengths
 - Filling gaps in services
- Have a Child Care Partnership Coordinator (CCPC) to:
 - Assist in development and implementation of the work plan
 - Provide individualized consultation under contract with Zero to Three
 - Help grantees access resources needed to build their partnership

CCPC's will provide support for the development of the partnership through activities such as:

- Sharing information about state and local professional development opportunities
- Meeting with the Head Start State Collaboration Director and state Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) administrator to help strengthen collaboration at the state level
- Sharing resources that support the development of partnerships and quality care
- Facilitating a meeting to share Office of Head Start (OHS) and Office of Child Care (OCC) policies and procedures

What should we look for in the person we nominate to be our CCPC?

The nominees to be your CCPC should have specific experience and skills in:

- Knowledge of Early Head Start and child care, including FCC, in your community
- Familiarity with community-based agencies and experience developing partnerships among different agencies
- Facilitation skills and the ability to work with adults

Does this project provide funds to our program?

- Zero to Three will contract with CCPC's for up to 52 hours per month to support the team.
- There is no direct funding provided to EHS grantees participating in the project, however, funds are provided for resources for each team to use to support the implementation of their work plan.

Who is eligible to apply to be part of this project?

All EHS programs who received ARRA funding are eligible to apply. Strong applications will indicate a desire to develop a partnership between EHS and child care through the implementation of an EHS family child care option.

Who do I contact for more information about the project?

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