



## BASIC INFORMATION FOR EARLY HEAD START-CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

This collection of resources provides basic information about the Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships grant program and the Early Head Start and Child Care systems that the grant program strives to bridge. These grants were awarded to expand high-quality, full-day/full-year, comprehensive services for infants and toddlers that meet the child care needs of families with low incomes. For a more comprehensive collection of resources related to EHS-CC partnerships, please visit the NCEHS-CCP websites at: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehs-ccp> or <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/early-head-start>.

These resources are divided into the following sections:

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### EHS-CC Partnerships

#### *Foundational Information about the EHS-CC Partnerships*

##### **101: Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

Provides background information and an overview of EHS-CC Partnerships.

[https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eclkc/ehs\\_ccp\\_101\\_final\\_hhsacf\\_logo\\_2014.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eclkc/ehs_ccp_101_final_hhsacf_logo_2014.pdf)

##### **Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

This presentation gives an overview of the EHS-CC Partnerships.

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eclkc/ehs\\_cc\\_partnership\\_grant\\_powerpoint.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eclkc/ehs_cc_partnership_grant_powerpoint.pdf)

### **Getting Started: Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership [webinar series](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/early-head-start-child-care-webinar-resources), which originally aired in spring 2014, contain information about the grants, including how state policies can support partnerships, information about comprehensive services, and answers to frequently-asked questions.  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/early-head-start-child-care-webinar-resources>

### **Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships: Top 10 Ways CCDF Can Support Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

This [document](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/ehs-cc_top_10_subsidy_policies.pdf) highlights 10 specific areas of CCDF policy that can support EHS-CC Partnership efforts.  
[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/ehs-cc\\_top\\_10\\_subsidy\\_policies.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/ehs-cc_top_10_subsidy_policies.pdf)

## ***Start-Up Tools for EHS-CC Partnerships***

### **Partnership Elements Worksheet**

This [worksheet](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt_partnershipelements_0.pdf) helps early education programs develop strong partnerships that provide high-quality, full-day/full-year services to young children. Partners may use this tool to raise questions and prioritize critical issues to work together to build partnerships.  
[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt\\_partnershipelements\\_0.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt_partnershipelements_0.pdf)

### **Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership: A Checklist for Developing a Partnership Agreement or Contract**

Early education partners can use this [checklist](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/docs/quilt-checklist-developing-partnership-agreement-contract.pdf) to assist them in developing a comprehensive agreement that clearly addresses each partner's roles and responsibilities and many of the elements needed for the partnership to run smoothly.  
<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/docs/quilt-checklist-developing-partnership-agreement-contract.pdf>

### **Shaping the Partnership: An Assessment Checklist**

The Assessment [Checklist](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt_shaping_partnership_assessment_0.pdf) assists partners in identifying skills, developing strategies, and strengthening the results of the partnerships. It should be completed with all actively involved partners.  
[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt\\_shaping\\_partnership\\_assessment\\_0.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt_shaping_partnership_assessment_0.pdf)

### **A Fiscal Management Checklist for Partnerships**

This [checklist](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/fiscal-mang/A_Fiscal_Management_Checklist_for_Partnerships.pdf) guides partners to consider how funding will be handled in the partnership.  
[http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/fiscal-mang/A\\_Fiscal\\_Management\\_Checklist\\_for\\_Partnerships.pdf](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/fiscal-mang/A_Fiscal_Management_Checklist_for_Partnerships.pdf)

### **The Program Standards Crosswalk**

This online tool is designed to help states developing and aligning program standards for licensing, quality rating and improvement systems (QRIS), and/or prekindergarten programs to search and compare the content of several sets of national standards.  
<https://ocqrsguide.icfwebservices.com/index.cfm?do=crosswalk>

### **Side-By-Side Comparison of Federal and State Requirements for Early Childhood Education Services**

The side-by-side comparison shows key elements of Early Head Start (EHS) and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) legislation and regulations. The document also can serve as a tool for states and local organizations to enter state-specific early education program requirements. Once complete, the grid can be used as an at-a-glance resource to identify similarities and differences across regulations and funding sources, as well as a springboard for determining ways to overcome barriers to successful early education partnerships.

[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt\\_side\\_by\\_side\\_policycomparisons.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/quilt_side_by_side_policycomparisons.pdf)

### ***Research/Evaluation on Successful EHS/HS-CC Partnerships***

#### **Building Partnerships between Early Head Start Grantees and Family Child Care Providers: Lessons from the Early Head Start for Family Child Care Project**

This report contains evaluation findings of 22 EHS-Family Child Care partnerships in a demonstration project. The report includes characteristics of the partnerships and a description the project framework implementation. It also looks at types of partnerships formed, sustainability, and lessons learned about collaboration.

[http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/~media/publications/pdfs/earlychildhood/ehs\\_fcc\\_evalrpt.pdf](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/~media/publications/pdfs/earlychildhood/ehs_fcc_evalrpt.pdf)

#### **Child Care/Head Start Partnerships Snapshot: What the Research Says about Establishing and Sustaining Partnerships**

This document examines factors that result in establishing and sustaining successful partnerships between Head Start and child care programs.

<http://ltd.edc.org/sites/ltd.edc.org/files/PartnershipSnapshot.pdf>

#### **Child Care/Head Start Partnerships Snapshot: What the Research Says about Financial Arrangements and Resources**

This document explores the nature and impact of financial arrangements and resource sharing in Head Start and child care partnerships.

<http://ltd.edc.org/sites/ltd.edc.org/files/PartnershipSnapshotFinance.pdf>

#### **Early Care and Education Partnerships: A Review of the Literature**

Conducted as part of the Study of Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships, this literature review analyzes 78 studies of partnerships among a variety of early care and education program types. Discover a range of activities that are likely to support implementation, barriers, and factors that may facilitate partnerships.

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/early\\_care\\_and\\_education\\_partnerships\\_a\\_review\\_of\\_the\\_literature.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/early_care_and_education_partnerships_a_review_of_the_literature.pdf)

#### **Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Child Care Partnerships: A Report from the Field**

This field report assesses the extent to which migrant and seasonal farmworker families were knowledgeable about the child care system and services, as well as their ability to access services for their children ages birth through school-age.

[http://ltd.edc.org/sites/ltd.edc.org/files/migrant\\_report\\_en.pdf](http://ltd.edc.org/sites/ltd.edc.org/files/migrant_report_en.pdf)

## Information and Resources Specific to Child Care

### QRIS Compendium

The 2014 QRIS Online Compendium is a catalog and comparison of **Quality Rating and Improvement Systems** (QRIS) to promote thoughtful design, analysis and ongoing improvement in early care and education systems-building. Features of the 2014 QRIS Compendium include: full state and locality QRIS profiles; and functionality to create customizable data reports about specific QRIS data elements.

<http://qriscompendium.org/>

### *Child Care and Development Block Grant/Child Care Subsidy*

### Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization

#### Timeline of Effective Dates for CCDF Reauthorization

This table provides the timeline for effective dates of changes due to the CCDF Reauthorization.

[https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/timeline\\_of\\_effective\\_dates\\_for\\_states\\_and\\_territories.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/timeline_of_effective_dates_for_states_and_territories.pdf)

#### Program Instruction (PI) on CCDF Reauthorization Effective Dates

This PI provides guidance for states and territories on statutorily required effective dates in the CCDBG Act of 2014

[https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/ccdf\\_acf\\_pi\\_2015\\_02.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/ccdf_acf_pi_2015_02.pdf)

#### Contracting for Child Care Services for Families Eligible for Subsidy

This presentation provides an overview of information about contracts through the child care subsidy program funded by CCDF.

[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/contracting\\_for\\_child\\_care.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/contracting_for_child_care.pdf)

#### Using Grants and Contracts to Build and Stabilize Supply

This tip sheet helps guide programs considering using contracts for CCDF subsidy.

[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/using\\_grants\\_and\\_contracts\\_1.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/using_grants_and_contracts_1.pdf)

### *Licensing/Regulation*

#### State Licensing and Regulation Information

This webpage contains child care licensing and regulation information by state; information is verified twice a year.

<http://nrckids.org/index.cfm/resources/state-licensing-and-regulation-information/>

### **Comparison of State Licensing and QRIS Standards for Infants and Toddlers in Child Care Centers**

This document informs states about current program quality standards found in learning environments, learning activities, and observation/assessment methods in center-based settings for infants and toddlers.

[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/learningenv\\_assess\\_standards.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/learningenv_assess_standards.pdf)

### **Basic Safety Requirements for Family Child Care Homes**

Pages 213-214 of *2012 Leaving Children to Chance Report* contain safety requirements by state.

[http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc\\_report\\_full\\_april2012.pdf](http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc_report_full_april2012.pdf)

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[http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc\\_report\\_full\\_april2012.pdf](http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc_report_full_april2012.pdf)

### **50-State Child Care Licensing Study**

2011-2013 Child Care Licensing Study

<http://www.naralicensing.org/child-care-licensing-study>

### **2012 Leaving Children to Chance Report (Child Care Homes)**

Child Care Aware® of America assessed state policies for small family child care homes, where providers are compensated for caring for up to six children.

[http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc\\_report\\_full\\_april2012.pdf](http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/lcc_report_full_april2012.pdf)

### **2013 We Can Do Better Report (Child Care Centers)**

This update is the fourth in a series of reports beginning in 2007 that scores and ranks the states, including the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense (DoD) on 11 program requirements and four oversight benchmarks for child care centers.

<http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/advocacy-public-policy/resources/reports-and-research/we-can-do-better-2013-update/>

### **Threshold of Licensed Family Child Care in 2014**

Nationally, there are about 330,000 licensed child care programs. The table shows the types and numbers of licensed facilities, and how many children must be present in a family child care home before a license is required.

[https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/122\\_1410\\_thresholdfcc\\_2014\\_0.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/122_1410_thresholdfcc_2014_0.pdf)

## Information and Resources Specific to Early Head Start/Head Start

### About Early Head Start

This webpage contains the goals, principles, cornerstones, and program options of Early Head Start.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/about-ehs>

### Learning for New Leaders: Head Start A to Z

New directors, managers, and other leaders may use these materials for individual professional development.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/learning/learning.html>

### Head Start Act

This is the complete text of the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

[http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/law/HS\\_Act\\_2007.pdf](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/law/HS_Act_2007.pdf)

## *Standards and Regulations*

### Head Start Program Performance Standards (through 2015)

This is the complete text of the standards implemented in EHS/HS (current through 2015)

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/hspss/45-cfr-chapter-xiii/45-cfr-chap-xiii-eng.pdf>

### Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Head Start Program Performance Standards

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed the first holistic revision and complete reorganization of the Head Start Program Performance Standards since they were originally published in 1975. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register. It includes the proposed Program Performance Standards, as well as a preamble with contextual information.

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/hspss/nprm/nprm.html>

### Health and Safety Screener

This health and safety screener helps organizations identify where they need to make changes and build capacity to ensure children are healthy and safe while in their care.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/docs/chs-certification-fillableform.pdf>

## *Program Operations*

### Program Planning in Head Start: The Program Planning Cycle

This document contains a list of the steps in the planning cycle and a brief description of each one.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/docs/planning-cycle.pdf>