

Questions to Help Prioritize Topics for Self-Assessment

Head Start leaders may find it difficult to determine their foci and topics to bring into Self-Assessment. These questions below will help formulate fruitful discussion among all those tasked with determining the topics for this year's Self-Assessment.

The following questions may help you to prioritize each issue that emerges:

- Does it relate to a bigger theme?
- Is it systemic?
- Is it an urgent issue that wasn't resolved through ongoing monitoring?
- Does it relate to our program goals?
- Would it benefit from a fresh perspective?
- Does it affect our ability to do everything we can to ensure the best outcomes for our families and children?
- Does it represent a strength that could be applied in other areas? What strengths do we have that we can use to address other issues?
- Remember that Self-Assessment should always include a focus on health and safety and school readiness. How will you include these important topics in this year's plan?