



Early Head Start – Child Care Partnerships: Overview & Resource Guide

Overview

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships (Partnerships) are federally-funded locally-run programs for working families with low incomes that increase access to high-quality early care and learning for infants and toddlers. Comprehensive full workday, full year services are supported with Early Head Start and Child Care subsidy funds, and can be provided in centers and family child care homes. Eligible grantees include states, tribes, cities, communities, and community-based organizations.

Benefits

- Through Partnerships, grantees provide local child care programs that agree to meet Early Head Start (EHS) standards with a range of supports, including but not limited to:¹
 - Coaching as job-embedded professional development to improve instructional practice and child learning outcomes.
 - Research-based curricula
 - Learning materials
 - Family engagement and disability services specialists
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Higher teacher pay
 - Assistance to staff to access higher education
- Increases access to full workday, full year child care that is of high quality for working families with low incomes²
- Many children who are not directly enrolled in a Partnership but attend a Partnership supported child center or family child care home often directly benefit from the ripple effect of Partnership services¹
- Positive impacts on parent and family engagement

Outcomes¹

- 275 EHS grantees are partnering with 1,400 local child care centers and 1,000 family child care centers resulting in higher-quality programming
- More than 32,000 additional infants & toddlers are accessing high-quality early care & learning
- More than 7,800 additional children are benefiting from access to better curricula, more highly qualified teachers, and enhanced learning spaces and materials
- More than 8,000 teachers are benefiting from enhanced professional development, coaching, training, and higher education opportunities

¹ <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Early-Head-Start-Child-Care-Partnerships.pdf>

² <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/benefits-early-head-start-child-care-partnerships>

Resource Guide

Type of Resource	Source Resource Title (if applicable)	Website
General Resources	Office of Head Start (OHS)	https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/early-head-start-child-care-partnerships
	Office of the Administration for Children & Families: Office of Early Childhood Development	https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/early-learning/ehs-cc-partnerships
	First Five Years Fund (FFYF)	https://www.ffyf.org/issues/ehs-ccp/ https://www.ffyf.org/early-head-start-child-care-partnership-program-overview/
Reports	Bipartisan Policy Center <i>Early Head Start– Child Care Partnerships: Spotlighting Early Successes Across America</i>	https://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Early-Head-Start-Child-Care-Partnerships.pdf
	Bipartisan Policy Center, Educare Learning Network, First Five Years Fund <i>The Early Head Start– Child Care Partnerships: Flexibility with Accountability</i>	https://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/The-Early-Head-Start%E2%80%93Child-Care-Partnerships-Flexibility-with-Accountability.pdf
	Educare Learning Network <i>Lessons from the Evaluation of Early Head Start–Child Care Partnerships Across the Educare Network: Executive Summary</i>	http://www.educareschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Educare-EHS-CCP-Study_ExecSummary-Dec18.pdf
	Ounce of Prevention Fund <i>Lessons from Implementation of Early Head Start–Child Care Partnerships</i>	https://www.theounce.org/what-we-do/policy-and-advocacy/national-policy/
Videos	United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education Educare Miami-Dade <i>United Way Early Head Start–Child Care Partnership</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auvcuftJPzw&list=PL1f2TSeIq_gHxEnQCrmCUtjGIYrjENWe&index=14
	Educare Central Maine <i>Early Head Start Child Care Partnership in Maine</i>	https://youtu.be/B4OOXmZIK-k
	Bipartisan Policy Center <i>What EHS-CC Partnerships Mean to Parents</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyHyRjubFYk
	Bipartisan Policy Center, Educare Learning Network, First Five Years Fund <i>Early Head Start– Child Care Partnerships: Spotlighting Early Successes Across America</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiy-zhUX7ZA&t=2080s