



**Community Partnership:
Expanding Access and Raising Quality
in Your Community**

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National Head Start Association

The National Head Start Association is a non-profit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

Our vision is to lead - to be the untiring voice that will not be quiet until every vulnerable child is served with the Head Start model of support for the whole child, the family and the community – **and to advocate** - to work diligently for the policy changes that ensure all vulnerable children and families have what they need to succeed. **Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.**





The Partnership Project

Since early 2013, the California Head Start Association and the National Head Start Association have been working together to convene conversations and consider the design and implementation of partnerships. Efforts of this work include:

- Listening calls with Head Start/Early Head Start directors and their child care partners
- A survey on experiences and attitudes of the Head Start field around partnerships
- National convenings of experts and practitioner organizations representing both center-based and family child care and Head Start
- Development of a website to organize resources about Early Head Start-Child Care partnerships and connect potential partners
- Conferences, webinars, and resources, for all stakeholders, to encourage the successful planning and implementation of partnerships

Agenda

- Background on EHS-CC Partnerships
- New Investments in Partnerships
- The Changing Role of Early Head Start
- Partnership Innovations
- Resources
- Q & A

Background on EHS-CC Partnerships

History

- Since the beginning of Early Head Start, partnership with family child care or center-based child care has been a possible service delivery model
- In 2012-2013, 67 EHS programs had family child care partnerships that served 1,837 EHS children and 130 EHS programs had center-based child care partnerships that served 4,588 EHS children
- A total of 4% of EHS children are currently served through partnerships
- Since 2008, the number of children in partnership settings has decreased except for an increase during initial ARRA expansion
- Currently, Early Head Start is funded to serve only 4% of infants and toddlers in poverty, and Child Care Development Block Grant funding reaches only about 17% of eligible children. There is a high need for high quality, affordable care.

Models

Partnership models are locally designed, but several types are common:

- An Early Head Start grantee operates home-based, center-based, and/or combination services and contracts with center-based or family child care providers serving Early Head Start eligible children.
- An Early Head Start grantee operates home-based, center-based, and/or combination services and partners with child care within their agency to extend the Early Head Start day or to meet the needs of additional families.
- An Early Head Start grantee operates an administrative network of contracted family child care homes serving eligible children.

Models

Depending on local design, contributions to the partnership from Early Head Start may include:

- Support in meeting the performance standards
- Identified EHS slots in the partner setting
- Comprehensive services staff
- Teaching staff
- Supervisory and/or coaching staff
- Professional Development
- Materials and Resources
- Direct Financial Support

Research

- A study of 141 child care centers in Ohio, half of who were partnered with Head Start, found higher quality settings, better outcomes for children, and stronger family services in centers that worked with Head Start
- Among partnerships, those that were more successful had put at least 6 months into planning, had clear written agreements in place, processes established to prepare staff and engage families, and strong systems of communication

New Investments

- In January 2013, President Obama declared his commitment to expanding early learning opportunities in the State of the Union
- The President's early learning proposal included \$1.4 billion for EHS-CC Partnerships
- In Fall 2013, the Strong Start Act proposed funding for EHS-CC Partnerships (the bill has not yet been passed)
- In January 2014, the FY 2014 Appropriations Bill approved by Congress allocated \$500 million for EHS expansion and partnerships
- In February 2014, President Obama's FY 2015 budget proposal included additional investments in partnerships
- Partnerships are intended to expand access to quality for more low-income children, both those funded with EHS dollars and other children in child care settings

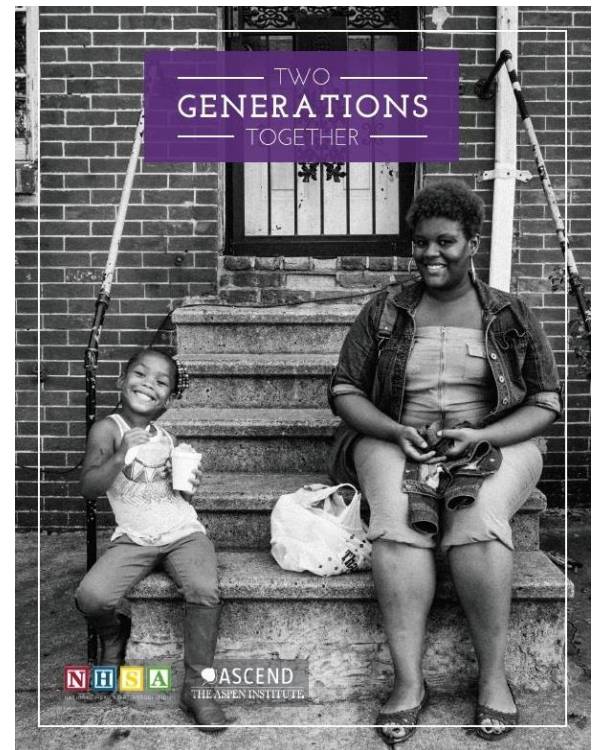
Changing Role of EHS

- Zombie idea: Head Start as a silo
- Driving systemic quality
- Integration with local and state systems
- Adaptation to meet families' needs
- Development and compensation of a professional early childhood workforce
- Access and quality



Partnership Innovations

- Bringing small successes to scale
- Sharing the Two Generation Lens
- Family Child Care Networks cultivating parents
- Community Hubs and shared services
- Campus-Based Child Care
- Mentor Coaches



Continued Advocacy

- Sequestration will return in 2016 if Congress doesn't act
- NHSA and many other stakeholders are engaged in on-going advocacy around continued federal investments in infants and toddlers through partnerships
- The early success of partnerships in reaching children and families with high-quality services is the best case we can make for increased investments

Resources from NHSA

Partnership Project Website

earlyheadstartchildcare.nhsa.org

Resources from the Administration for Children & Families

Office of Head Start Toolkit:

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/grants/ehs-ccp>

Office of Child Care Technical Assistance Network
Resources:

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/early-head-start-child-care-partnerships>

Question & Answer Period

Have additional questions?

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