



# Update on Early Head Start & Healthy Start Collaboration



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# Objectives

- To understand the eligibility requirements and basic components of Healthy Start and Early Head Start programs
- To identify tools and resources for connecting with local Healthy Start and Early Head Start programs
- To develop strategies and goals for initiating new or continuing established collaborations between Healthy Start and Early Head Start programs





# Early Head Start & Healthy Start Collaboration



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In 2009, the federal Early Head Start (EHS) and Healthy Start (HS) Collaboration Workgroup met to discuss existing and potential partnership opportunities to address the needs of pregnant women, infants, and toddlers in local communities.

To encourage ongoing collaborations between EHS and HS programs:

- Host joint EHS/HS meetings to share program updates
- Feature successful local EHS/HS partnerships in webcasts





# Update on Healthy Start



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# Update on Early Head Start



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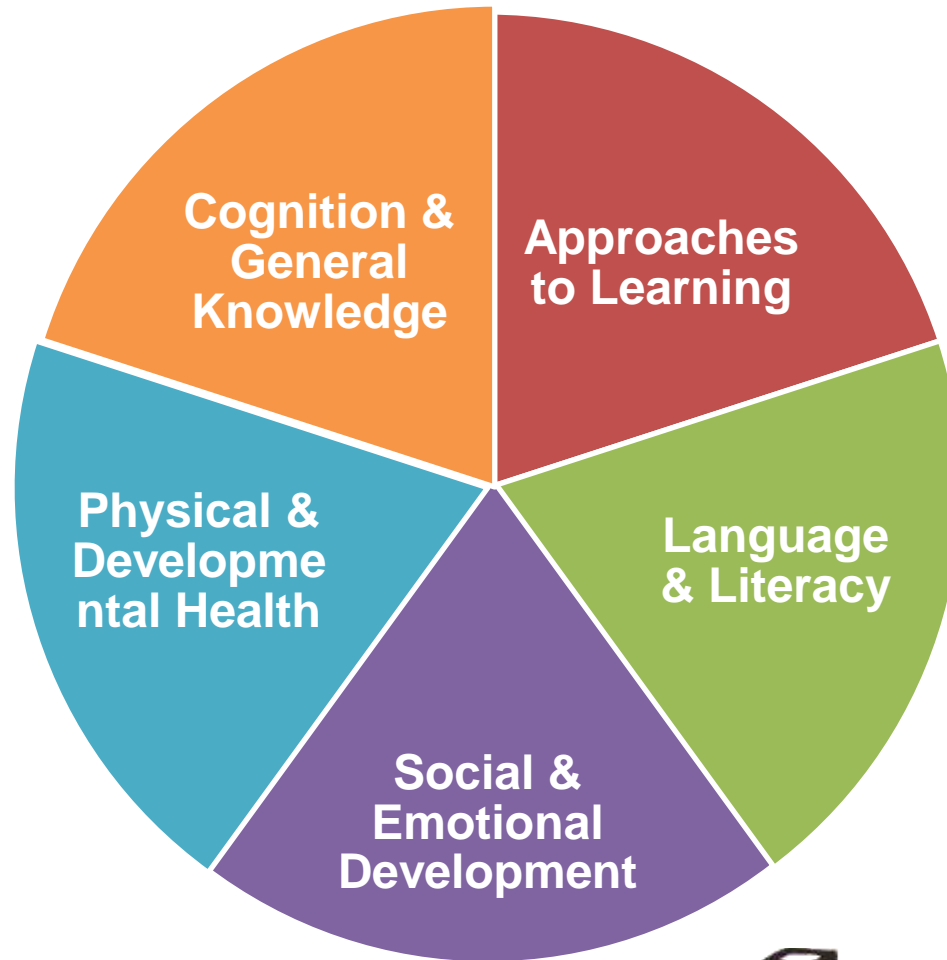


# Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework





# School Readiness







# Early Head Start (EHS) & Community Partnerships

Community partnerships are essential to offering comprehensive services in EHS:

- Community planning improves the delivery of services [Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) 1304.41 (a)(1)]
- Collaborative relationships with community organizations promotes access to responsive services [HSPPS 1304.41(a)(2)(ii)]





# EHS and Family Partnerships

EHS programs strengthen family resilience by:

- Building collaborative partnership between EHS and parents to support family goals [HSPPS 1304.40(a)(1)]
- Developing and implementing family partnership agreements that describe family goals [HSPPS 1304.40 (a)(2)]
- Coordinating with other community agencies to avoid duplication of services [HSPPS 1304.40(a)(3)]



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## **EHS & HS Collaboration in PA**

For over 20 years, Healthy Start, Inc. and Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center EHS in Pittsburgh, PA have partnered on different activities.



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This partnership initially formed to:

- Reduce and maintain low rates of infant mortality
- Promote healthy and early childhood development
- Encourage school readiness





# Collaborative Case Management in EHS & HS in FL



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Gadsden Federal Healthy Start Project & Florida State Univ. EHS in FL provide collaborative case management:

- Reduces duplication of services
- Ensures effective and timely access to services
- Supports family engagement and connection to community resources.





# Strategies to Build or Continue EHS/HS Collaboration



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- Develop a shared vision
- Identify a common goal
- Take time to cultivate relationships
- Collaborate on 2-3 activities
- Provide feedback on collaborative activities
- Assess partnership progress and needs
- Refine goals and activities based on organizational priorities





# Question & Answer Session



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# THANK YOU



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