The Connection between Head Start and State or Territory Early Care and Education Systems:
A Scan of Existing Data

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Recent federal efforts support state ECE systems building
  • State Advisory Councils, Head Start Performance Standards, Preschool Development Grants B-5

Head Start different from other ECE: funding flows from federal to local

What are the different ways Head Start connects to other aspects of state ECE systems?

Report—Coming Soon!
  • Purpose: Summarize publicly available data about connections between Head Start and state/territory ECE systems
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This is not a comprehensive picture of the relationship between Head Start and state/territory early care and education systems.

- Data are limited by what is publicly available across states and territories.
- It does not address all aspects of coordination.
- The publicly available data were collected at various points in time.
- Most data sources included territories, though not all.
- Head Start served just over one million children nationally in FY 2018 (program year 2017-18)
- $10 billion in FY 2019 federal funding for Head Start
- States and territories vary widely in the number of Head Start grants received by entities within their state, ranging from 1 to 132
Head Start Collaboration Office Locations

• Head Start programs participate in QRIS in **39 of the 42 states** and territories that report data in the Quality Compendium (93%).

• **Nineteen of the 39 QRIS** have alternative pathways for Head Start programs to earn a rating (49%).
• 8 state or territory agencies (14%) received Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants.

• 93% of states/territories have at least one Head Start grantee that serves children who receive subsidies.
  • Within a state/territory, the percentage of Head Start grantees that serve children who receive subsidies ranges from 12% (Puerto Rico) to 100% (Delaware).

• 89% of states/territories have at least one Head Start grantee that has formal agreements with child care centers to fill funded enrollment.
  • Within a state/territory, the percentage of Head Start grantees that have formal agreements with child care centers ranges from 8% (Maine) to 67% (Vermont).
• 95% of states/territories have at least one Head Start grantee that has formal agreements with public school pre-K programs.
  • Within a state/territory, the percentage of Head Start grantees that have formal agreements with a public school pre-K program ranges from 14% (Nevada, New Hampshire) to 100% (American Samoa, Palau, Virgin Islands).

• 92% states/territories have at least one Head Start grantee that has formal agreements with IDEA Part C agencies to coordinate services for children with disabilities.
  • Within a state/territory, the percentage of Head Start grantees that have formal agreements with IDEA Part C agencies ranges from 59% (Arizona) to 100% of Head Start grants (Hawaii, Indiana, + others).
The relationship between Head Start and other parts of ECE systems varies widely across states and territories.

Collaboration and systems building are long-term efforts, so connections may change over time.

Further research is needed to understand how and why Head Start is connected with state and territory ECE systems.
Thank you!