Revisions to the Head Start Program
Performance Standards: Implications for Research

Child Care Policy Research Consortium
Plenary Session

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Position Head Start as a value-added, highly respected and accepted program for young children and their families; where Head Start grantees are high performing organizations and every child receives comprehensive, high quality, early care and education!
Head Start's

Strategic Priorities

- High performing grantees
- Comprehensive school readiness
- Partnerships & collaboration
- Leadership with character
Raising Standards for Service Delivery

Reorganizing the Performance Standards

Revising & Reduce Regulations

High Performing Grantees
Ensure Strong Outcomes
Improve Program Quality
Focus on Comprehensive School Readiness Services
Research Based Practices
Reduce Interference with Quality
Set Goals
Collect, Aggregate, Analyze, and Use Data
Create & Implement Systems of Continuous Improvement
Lessen Bureaucratic Burden
Streamline: Four Areas
Clarify, Simplify, Transparency
Increased Focus on Quality vs Quantity
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Support Local Flexibility and Variation to:
- Meet Local Community Needs
- Promote Innovation
- Promote Research & Evaluation

High Performing Grantees
THANK YOU