**Evaluation and Self-Assessment: Focusing on Key Questions**

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Early Care and Education: Key Questions

1. Did the effort increase public and political support for affordable, quality early care and education?
2. Did the increased support produce new public or private investments to strengthen early care and education?

1. Were early care and education programs improved in quality, affordability, and/or availability?
2. Did this produce better results for the children and families served?

1. Were early care and education programs better connected to health, family support, and other services, including more appropriate referrals and follow-up services?
2. Did these produce better results for the children and families served?

1. Was a systemic approach developed to support quality improvement and professional development?
2. Did this produce greater accountability and systems quality?

1. Did all children receive early care and education designed to meet their needs?
2. Did this produce statewide improvements in children’s education and development?