Quality Indicators
Increased Focus on Data and Performance Measurement

Report and track information about:

- How are States using their CCDF quality dollars?
- What are quantifiable outputs of these efforts?
- Are these efforts effective in improving program quality and practitioner qualifications?
- Are these efforts effective in improving child and family outcomes?
Constraints

- Flexibility under CCDF block grant results in significant variation in policy and practice across States
- Gaps in data availability and lack of uniformity across States
New 3 Step Planning and Reporting Process for CCDF Quality Activities

- A self-assessment on current quality improvement activities
- Goal-setting for quality improvement in the upcoming biennium
- Reporting back on progress at the end of each fiscal year through a new Quality Performance Report
Reporting on 4 Types of Quality Activities

- Licensing and health & safety standards
- Early learning guidelines
- Program quality improvement activities, including quality rating and improvement systems (QRIS)
- Professional development and workforce initiatives
Information Requested in Proposed Plan (at beginning of biennium)

- Identify types of data collected by the State
- Describe State-specific performance measures
- Describe plans for evaluation
Information Requested in New Quality Performance Report (after each year)

- Key data on results of quality activities (if available)—standard across all States
  - E.g., for Program Quality Improvement (QRIS): # of programs receiving on-site TA; # of programs receiving financial support, etc.

- Status on meeting State-specific performance measure targets
Looking to the Future

- Move from solely measuring outputs to measuring quality outcomes and child/family outcomes
- Establish greater national consistency on data and measures
- Develop new national measures for CCDF (Government Performance and Results Act)
How Can You Help?

- Help States plan for improved data, performance measurement and evaluation
- Identify good performance measures
- Identify data elements that should be tracked
If you would like to comment on the proposed Plan and Quality Performance Report

- Copies available at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb
- Comments due – November 23rd
  - E-Mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov
- All comments should be identified by the title of the information collection