

Spectrum of Opportunities Rating Worksheet

For each opportunity identify the specific option(s) that might be pursued in your state for each opportunity and then rate each option on the following dimensions: timeliness, cost, effort, commitment, and reach. Rate each on a scale from 1 to 5 using the chart below. Higher scores suggest the opportunities that may be better options for pursuing now. Add additional columns to the chart if there are other dimensions that should be taken into consideration in your state. If the dimensions are not equally important for you, be sure to change the suggested scoring appropriately so that more important factors are weighted more heavily. For example, if reach is most important to your stakeholders, consider doubling the reach score before summing across dimensions. Keep in mind that this worksheet is designed to help determine what is feasible at the present moment. Low scoring options should not be dismissed out of hand. Rather, examine why their scores are low to determine what actions would need to be taken to help improve the viability of these options.

Timeliness: How timely is this opportunity right now? Take into consider any inherent time cycles, as well as political will.

Cost: How expensive would it be to plan and implement this opportunity?

Effort: How much effort and time would be needed to pursue this opportunity?

Commitment: How enthusiastic would people be about implementing the opportunity?

Reach: How many children would be impacted by this opportunity if successfully implemented?

Opportunity	Description of potential option(s) to pursue	Timelines 1= low 3 = moderate 5 = high	Cost 1= high 3 = moderate 5 = low	Effort 1= high 3 = moderate 5 = low	Commitment 1= low 3 = moderate 5 = high	Reach 1= low 3 = moderate 5 = high	Total Points	Notes
Licensing and Administrative Regulations								
Child and Adult Care Food Program								
Quality Rating Improvement Systems								

Funding and Finance								
Pre-Service & Professional Development								
Facility-level Interventions								
Technical Assistance								
Access to Healthy Environments								
Early Learning Standards								
Family Engagement								
Emerging Opportunities (specify)								