

Partnership Assessment Worksheet

This worksheet has 2 sections: The first is dedicated to stakeholders from the ECE sector, while the second is dedicated to obesity prevention and health stakeholders. Note that the questions for the third and fourth column are different for each one.

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State Early Childhood Advisory Councils The councils provide state coordination and collaboration among all of the early childhood stakeholders to improve education and quality.						
Regulation/Licensing Regulations and licensing agencies have authority to make changes to the policies governing ECE in the state and to enforce those policies.						
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) QRIS is a statewide system to assess and improve quality of ECE services. Such systems are typically tiered and may have incentives associated with each tier. QRIS operates in about 25 states; the remaining states are developing one.						
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) These federal grants to states provide subsidies to families for ECE. Each state must use some of the funds for quality support and technical assistance.	Visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/ccdf-grantee-state-and-territory-contacts to find your state's CCDF contact.					

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<p>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – TANF, administered to states through the Office of Family Assistance (OFA), ACF, provides cash assistance and training for low-income unemployed adults. States have the option to transfer up to 30% of TANF funds to the Child Care Development Fund. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/tanf</p>						
<p>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) CACFP is administered to states through the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA. For information go to: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/child-and-adult-care-food-program .</p>	Find the name of your state CACFP director at www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/contracts/statedirectory.htm .					
<p>Head Start and Early Head Start The federal Office of Head Start provides grants to local public and private nonprofit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families.</p>	Visit http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/states/collaboration to find your state's Head Start State Collaboration Office.					
<p>Tribal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and Tribal Head Start Tribes receive Head Start and Tribal CCDF funds separate from states. Tribes may operate their programs differently. Find regional Tribal CCDF contacts at https://childcare.gov/resource/tribal-ccdf-contacts-state</p>						
<p>Early Learning Standards/Foundations Early Learning Standards come from state departments of education and address the needs of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. http://www.ed.gov/early-learning</p>						

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<p>State Pre-K Programs are typically administered through the state department of education and provide education programs to 4-year-olds. The programs may be located in schools and fall under the jurisdiction of school districts.</p>						
<p>Birth to 3/Early Intervention Programs State Birth to 3 Programs are federally-mandated intervention programs (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—IDEA) to support families of children with developmental delays or disabilities under the age of three.</p>	To find your state contact for early intervention services, visit http://www.nectac.org/contact/ptccoord.asp .					
<p>Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grants These grants to state health departments come from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), HRSA. The grants are intended to help states form collaboratives to implement the Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Health developed in 2002. http://eccs.hrsa.gov/index.htm.</p>						
<p>Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) These state agencies provide training and support for ECE providers as well as refer families to ECE programs. CCR&Rs have a national association body, Child Care Aware of America that advocates for quality ECE at the national level. www.childcareaware.org/.</p>						
<p>Vocational Schools, Community Colleges, and Universities These institutions provide and degrees and education credits for certification, as well as continuing education to ECE providers in the state.</p>						

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<p>Cooperative Extension Service These programs operate out of the land-grant universities funded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA. Cooperative Extension conducts research, education, and extension programs that increase the quantity and quality of ECE, afterschool, and teen out-of-school programs. Many cooperative extension offices provide training directly to ECE providers and staff to improve nutrition and physical activity behaviors. http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/</p>						
<p>American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Early Childhood Champions (EECs) The AAP has appointed EECs in each of its state chapters to cultivate and connect leadership on early childhood issues across clinical, community, and policy settings. http://www.aap.org/coec</p>						
<p>Child Care Health Consultant Network (CCHC) Child care health consultants are health professionals once supported by federally funded networks to operate in all states. Some states still support CCHCs either statewide or regionally.</p>						
<p>State and County Registration/Certification Systems for ECE Providers</p>						
<p>Professional Associations for ECE Providers and Administrators; Organizations Representing Family Child Care Providers</p>						
<p>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Visit http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/contacts/statealpha.HTM to find your state WIC agency</p>						

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Foundations and Health Care Organizations; Health Care Providers						
Existing federal grants focused on or including the ECE setting						
Others in your state*						

SECTION 2: Potential <u>Obesity</u> Prevention and Health Stakeholders	What agency or organization administers the program? Who are the executive leaders?	Are you already working with them?	What are the agency's or organization's priorities? Any related to the <u>ECE setting</u> ?	Do any activities involve <u>the ECE setting</u> ? Are they part of an existing coalition?	Any opportunities to leverage resources? Readiness to become involved?	Challenges or barriers to working with this agency or organization? What issues will need to be addressed?
State or Community-level Obesity Prevention or Health/Wellness grantees with federal or private funding that allows for initiatives targeting the ECE setting (e.g. CDC, USDA, MCHB, ACF grants.)						
State SNAP-Ed program SNAP-Ed funds can be used to target the ECE setting. See http://snap.nal.usda.gov/snap/SNAP-EdInterventionsToolkit.pdf for details.						
State Parks and Recreation Programs						
Governor's Council/Task Force on Health/Healthy Lifestyle or Obesity Prevention						
Others in your state*						

*** Other agencies and organizations to consider engaging as partners in ECE obesity prevention opportunities:**

- Departments of child and family services
- County and city health departments
- Labor and workforce development agencies
- State chapters of the Division for Early Childhood (http://www.dec-sp.org/Contact/Subdivision_Contacts)
- Organizations serving children with special medical needs
- Organizations serving migrant and other underserved populations
- ECE advocacy and support networks
- ECE improvement and family support networks
- ECE information clearinghouses
- Family resource centers
- Cooperative educational services
- Child maltreatment prevention organizations
- Community libraries
- News media

