ACF Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System Transformation

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ODAS-ECD Goals

- Building successful early learning and development systems across Head Start, child care, home visiting, and pre-K

- Promoting high quality and accountable early learning and development programs for all children

- Ensuring an effective early childhood workforce

- Promoting family support and engagement in children's development

- Improving health and safety of early learning and development programs

Head Start

- Approximately 1,600 Head Start grantees promote the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development

- More than 1 million children are served annually in every state and territory, including American Indian and Alaska Native communities and Migrant and Seasonal Farm worker families

- Since 1965, approximately 30 million low-income children and their families have received education, health, nutrition, social-emotional, and family services through Head Start

FY 2015 Head Start T/TA Funding

National

- National Center on Health
- National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations
- Early Head Start National Resource Center
- National Center on Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness
- National Center on Quality Teaching & Learning
- National Center on Parent and Family Engagement

Regional

- Grantee Specialists
- Early Childhood Education Specialists

Local

- Head Start Grantees

Child Care

- 1.5 million children each month receive financial assistance for child care through the Child Care and Development Fund

- Promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs

- 93% of families are working or participating in training or education

- Approximately 460,000 child care providers across the country serve children receiving CCDF subsidies

FY 2015 Child Care T/TA Funding
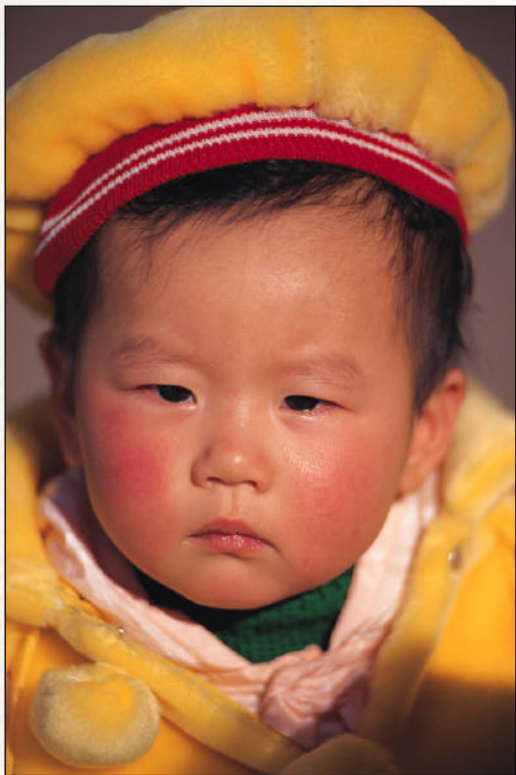
National

- National Center on Child Care Subsidy Innovation and Accountability

- National Center on Child Care Data and Technology

- National Center on Child Care Quality Improvement

- National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation

- Child Care and Early Education Research Connections

State

- Child Care State Systems Specialist Network

History of Jointly Funded T/TA

- National Center on Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (OHS/OCC)

- Healthy Child Care America (MCHB/OCC)

- Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative (MCHB/OHS)

- Early Educator Central (OCC/OHS)

- National Center on Professional Development Systems and Workforce Initiatives (OCC/OHS)

- Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (OHS/OCC)

- Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (SAMHSA/ACF/MCHB)

Why Create a New Training and Technical Assistance System?

- Better use of resources to address the common needs of children and families

- Simplify and clarify guidance by using one voice

- Enhance dissemination of existing and new resources to reach a broader audience

- Strengthen coordination between Head Start and Child Care and other early childhood services

- Weave a continuum of services based on the same science to meet the developmental needs of children throughout all TA entities

Stakeholder Input

- What are the most important current and emerging T/TA needs that you and your stakeholders have going forward?

- Based on your experience and the experiences of your stakeholders, what T/TA approaches and practices have you seen to be most effective for early childhood programs?

- Based on the experiences of your stakeholders, what additional T/TA needs should be addressed that are not currently being supported?

- What thoughts do you have on the best delivery system (infrastructure) that will allow T/TA to reach those that most need it?
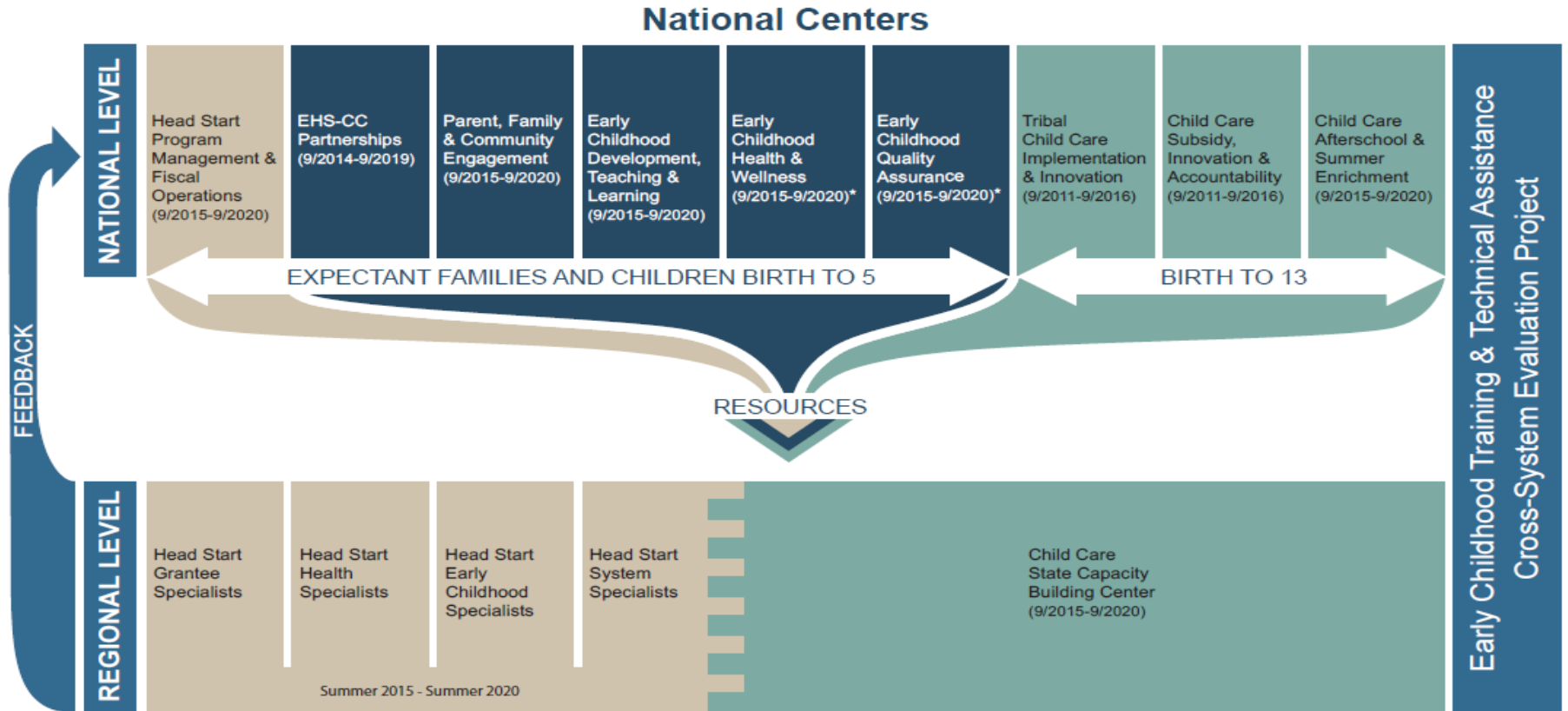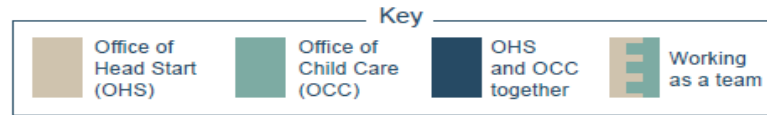
Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System Vision

To foster **happy, healthy children** and **families** with school readiness as a basis for continued life success by supporting early care and education programs and staff in the delivery of quality services.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

Key

Office of Head Start (OHS)	Office of Child Care (OCC)
OHS and OCC together	Working as a team

National Centers

NATIONAL LEVEL

- Head Start Program Management & Fiscal Operations (9/2015-9/2020)
- EHS-CC Partnerships (9/2014-9/2019)
- Parent, Family & Community Engagement (9/2015-9/2020)
- Early Childhood Development, Teaching & Learning (9/2015-9/2020)
- Early Childhood Health & Wellness (9/2015-9/2020)*
- Early Childhood Quality Assurance (9/2015-9/2020)*
- Tribal Child Care Implementation & Innovation (9/2011-9/2016)
- Child Care Subsidy, Innovation & Accountability (9/2011-9/2016)
- Child Care Afterschool & Summer Enrichment (9/2015-9/2020)

← EXPECTANT FAMILIES AND CHILDREN BIRTH TO 5 →   ← BIRTH TO 13 →

RESOURCES

FEEDBACK

REGIONAL LEVEL

- Head Start Grantee Specialists
- Head Start Health Specialists
- Head Start Early Childhood Specialists
- Head Start System Specialists
- Child Care State Capacity Building Center (9/2015-9/2020)

Summer 2015 - Summer 2020

Early Childhood Training & Technical Assistance Cross-System Evaluation Project

New National Centers

- National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness

- National Center on Development, Teaching and Learning

- National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement

- National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance

- National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment

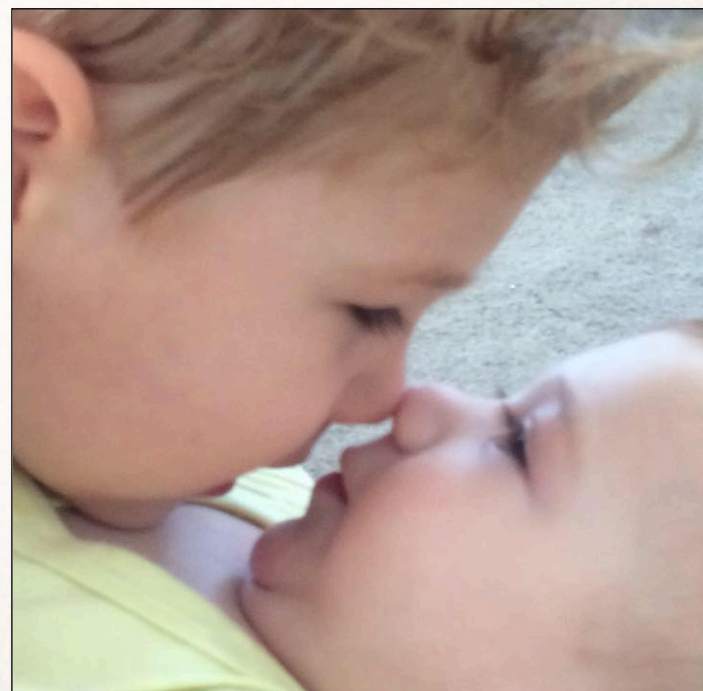- National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations

Key Features

- Focus on services for children ages birth to five and their families, with some support for the full continuum of expectant families through school age children

- Integration of culturally and linguistic responsive practices in all the TA projects

- Integration and attention to services for children with disabilities and their families incorporated into all the TA projects

- Emphasis on data and continuous improvement

Head Start Regional T/TA Specialists

- Early Childhood Education Specialists

- Grantee Specialists

- Health Specialists

- Systems Specialists

Child Care State Capacity Building Center

- State Systems Specialist Network

- Infant/Toddler Specialist Network

- Intensive Capacity Building Network

- Information Services Team

Early Childhood T/TA Cross-System Evaluation Project

- To inform federal staff in better understanding of:

  o T/TA resources and professional development methods used in the T/TA system
  o Efficacy of dissemination strategies within the system and out to states and programs
  o Effectiveness of the T/TA system in changing practice at the state and local level

- To promote and build capacity among T/TA stakeholders to use data/research for continuous improvement of T/TA services

Early Childhood T/TA Cross-System Evaluation Project (cont.)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Design & Dissemination						
	Data Collection					
		Data Systems Enhancement				
			Continuous Learning			

NORC at the University of Chicago
- **Carrie Markovitz**, Project Director/Co-Principal Investigator
- **Marc Hernandez**, Co-Principal Investigator

Now what?

- Access T/TA in the same ways you did before
  - Head Start Regional Grantee Specialists
  - Head Start Regional Early Childhood Education Specialists
  - Child Care State Systems Specialists
  - National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability
  - National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation

- Enjoy new enhancements now
  - Head Start Regional Health Specialists
  - Head Start System Specialists

- Look forward to new enhancements in the coming year
  - New National Centers
  - Infant/Toddler Specialists
  - Child Care Intensive Capacity Building Network

For more information, please visit:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/interagency-projects/ece-technical-assistance

https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc

https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/