Evaluation and Self-Assessment: Focusing on Key Questions

CONTEXT

COMPONENTS

CONNECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

SCALE

- 1. Has the initiative changed the political environment through its activities?
- 2. Has the initiative produced changes to investment, policy, or practice that will enable changes in components, connections, infrastructure, or scale?
- 1. Did the initiative design and implement system components as intended?
- 2. Did the components produce their intended impacts for beneficiaries?
- 1. Did the initiative design and implement connections and linkages as intended?
- 2. Did the connections and linkages produce their intended impacts?
- 1. Did the initiative establish infrastructure or supports that are consistent with its objectives?
- 2. Did the infrastructure or supports achieve their objectives for effectiveness, sustainability, and quality?
- 1. Did the initiative enable system scale up with quality and fidelity?
- 2. Did scale up result in broad impacts for beneficiaries at a systemwide population level?

Early Care and Education: Key Questions

CONTEXT

COMPONENTS

CONNECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

SCALE

- 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?