

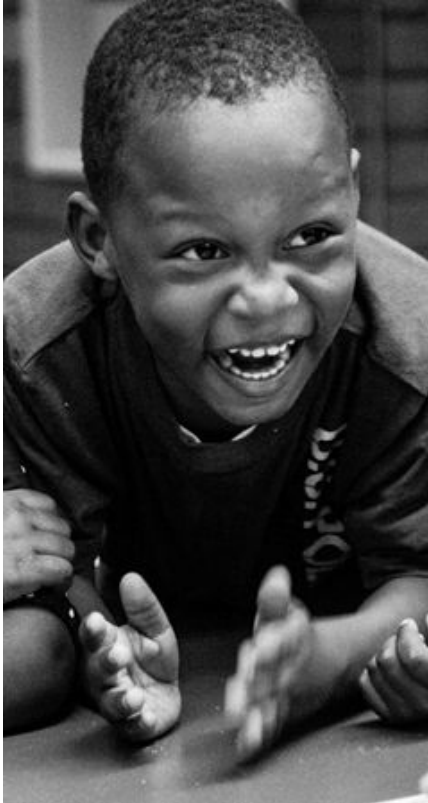
# NHSA Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Network

## Agenda

- PDG Network Goals
- Background and Introductions
- Key PDG Principles/Provisions
- Recommended Practices for PDG
- PDG Network Resources
- Discussion of Participants' Ideas
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# NHSA PDG Network Goals



- Inform Head Start leaders about PDG goals and provisions
- Encourage and empower Head Start leaders to be involved in state PDG planning and work
- Share recommended PDG practices and policies with Head Start leaders to use in your state's application and grant processes
- Provide a platform for you to share ideas with each other
- Serve as a resource to you throughout the PDG application and implementation processes

# Background and Introductions

- NHSA staff
- State-level Head Start participants
  - 40 States
    - State Head Start associations
    - Regional Head Start associations
    - Head Start State Collaboration Offices
- PDG applications timeline
- Forecasted number of grants and amounts



# Key PDG Principles, Goals, and Provisions

- Early childhood systems coordination
- Mixed delivery childhood system - including Head Start
- Improving school readiness for low-income children
- Improving quality
- Improving parent choice
- Statewide needs assessments
- Limited slot expansions only after coordination
- Initial Grants - 1 year
- Renewal Grants - up to 3 years
- Previous PDG grantees



# Head Start's Relevance to PDG

- Mixed delivery system
- Specific citations of Head Start in PDG statute
  - An important element of mixed delivery system
  - Head Start State Collaboration Office
  - State Advisory Councils
- Systems coordination and collaboration is the main statutory goal of PDG
- Federal laws require Head Start coordination
  - ESSA/ESEA
  - Head Start Act
  - Early Head Start - Child Care Partnerships
  - Child Care and Development Block Grant
- ESEA requires Title I-funded preschool to meet Head Start performance standards
- HHS is the primary federal administering agency



# Recommended PDG Practices for Head Start

- Transparent, inclusive application process
- Grant planning
- Implementation components
- Outcomes



# Including Head Start: PDG Application Process and Planning

- Involve Head Start leaders in developing and reviewing PDG application
- Specify Head Start throughout in describing mixed delivery system coordination
- Include Head Start in systemic partnership planning for quality and services
  - State strategic plans
  - Statewide needs assessments
- Ensure equitable renewal subgrants for evidence-based programs



# Including Head Start: Implementation Components



- Provide training/technical assistance on Head Start performance standards
- Target under-served, at-risk, or low-income children and families
- Leverage local support through collaboration
- Promote local educational agencies-Head Start coordination agreements
- Streamline criminal background check requirements
- Coordinate early childhood programs' eligibility processes



# Including Head Start: PDG Outcomes

- **Service Outcomes and Measurements**

- Family engagement and support
- Access to comprehensive services
- Preschool absences, suspensions, expulsions
- Foster care referrals
- Workforce indicators

- **Process Outcomes and Measurements**

- Level and types of partnerships in planning and implementing the PDG
- Integration of Head Start and child care into state prek systems
- Evidence of a comprehensive, statewide, data system



# NHSA PDG Network Resources

- Initial webinar to present PDG recommendations
- Follow national and regional calls to discuss process challenges, successes
- Individual consultation and assistance
- National platform to share your experiences
- Suggestions from other national organizations we're working with
- What else would be helpful?



# Discussion and Questions

