

## Sustainability and Finance Tool 1

### Sustaining Impact

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Use this tool to guide a facilitated discussion with members of the sustainability committee. These questions will help you begin the discussions on sustainability and examine whether the strategies in your strategic plan are ultimately sustainable.

#### For Planning Grantees

The questions below can be introduced when your coalition is in the process of developing its strategic plan. If you have a committee that is responsible for refining your strategic plan (such as a strategic planning workgroup), they may want to devote some time to discuss these questions and, based on their answers, you may want to modify your strategic plan.

**1. Are the strategies in our plan designed to make a long-term impact on early childhood systems and programs?**

**2. Which aspects of our plan can we strengthen to improve our prospects of making a long-term impact?**

## For Grantees Who Have Moved Beyond the Planning Stages

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You may want to devote part of your annual or semiannual plan review meeting to the questions below. If you do this, you will want to assess your progress on the prior question before re-addressing the questions listed here.

**1. How is the way we are implementing our plan maximizing our opportunities to make a long-term impact on issues related to young children and families in our community?**

**2. What adjustments or changes can we make that would improve our chances of having a long-term impact?**

**3. Are there ways of extending our efforts to encompass other programs, agencies, or areas of early childhood? If yes, what would we need to do that?**

**4. What are we going to do during the next grant period to enhance our chances of making long-term improvements in the early childhood system (your progress in this area should be assessed at the next progress review meeting)?**