Infant Toddler Services 101: Staffing Requirements









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What Are the Requirements>

EHS-CCP teachers must have a minimum of a Child Development Associate (CDA) and training with an infant/toddler focus or comparable credential from their state. Teachers who have a degree or other credential in early childhood education with a focus on infants and toddlers (at least commensurate to what is required for an Infant/Toddler CDA) do not need a CDA. All EHS-CCP teaching staff are expected to meet the qualification requirements within 18 months of receiving the grant. Family child care providers have additional time to meet this requirement and need to enroll in the appropriate CDA (or commensurate program) within six months and have two years to become certified. If teaching staff or family care providers are unable to complete these requirements within timeframes listed, the EHS-CCP grantee and their partners must provide evidence that their staff are making sufficient progress toward receiving the required certifications.

Formal monitoring of grantee compliance with the Early Head Start standards and HSPPS will not take place until after the first 18 months of the grant. However, during the first 18 months, all EHS-CCP grantees will participate in a baseline assessment that will include a review of environmental health and safety issues, fiscal management issues, and an analysis of the status of other key elements of the partnership funded through EHS-CCP. The purpose of this baseline is to assess initial grantee and partner capacity across multiple domains and to help improve the quality of the partnerships in this early stage of development. It also will be used to identify additional technical assistance or support that may be needed by the grantees and their partners to ensure that they are on track for successful implementation and can meet all EHS requirements within 18 months.

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Group work: Supporting Your Staff



- 1. Work with your group to read the handout
- 2. What 2 or 3 considerations should you make when hiring?
- 3. What 2-3 considerations should you make for PD?
- 4. What surprised you?
- 5. What worries you?
- 6. You have 15 minutes before you share back with the large group

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STANDARDS IN ACTION

SUPPORTING TEACHERS TO MEET STAFF QUALIFICATIONS (1302.91(e)(1))



THE CURRENT SITUATION

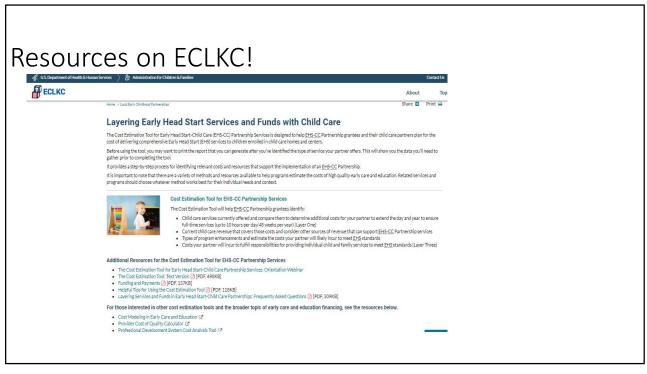
The staff at the Willow Spring Child Care program are delighted to have been awarded a grant to partner with their local Early Head Start program as a new Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships program. Marie, Willow Spring's center director, recently attended an orientation meeting with the EHS staff to learn about the requirements of the program and discuss items in the Partnership Agreement. Everyone was excited to see the launch of the partnership and Marie could already feel the kindness and support from the Early Head Start staff.

- 1. Work with your group to read the
- 2. List 3 ideas you gained from the handout
- 3. List 3 ideas you would like to implement
- 4. You will have 15 minutes to work with your group before you share out with the large group

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