

Developing State Supports for Coordinated Intake

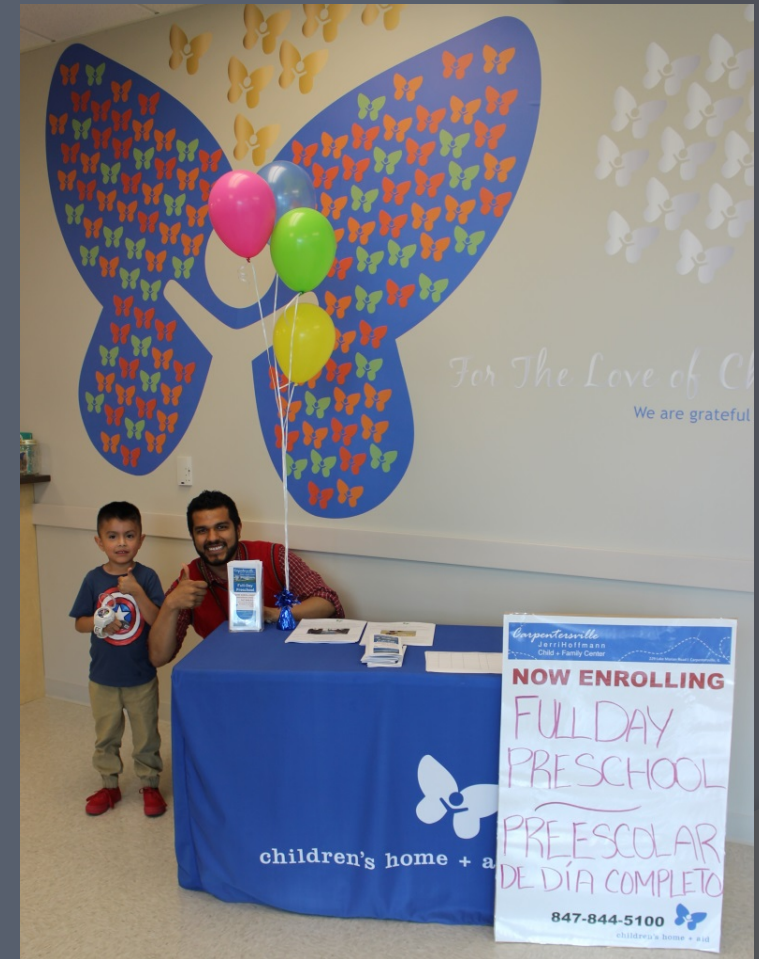
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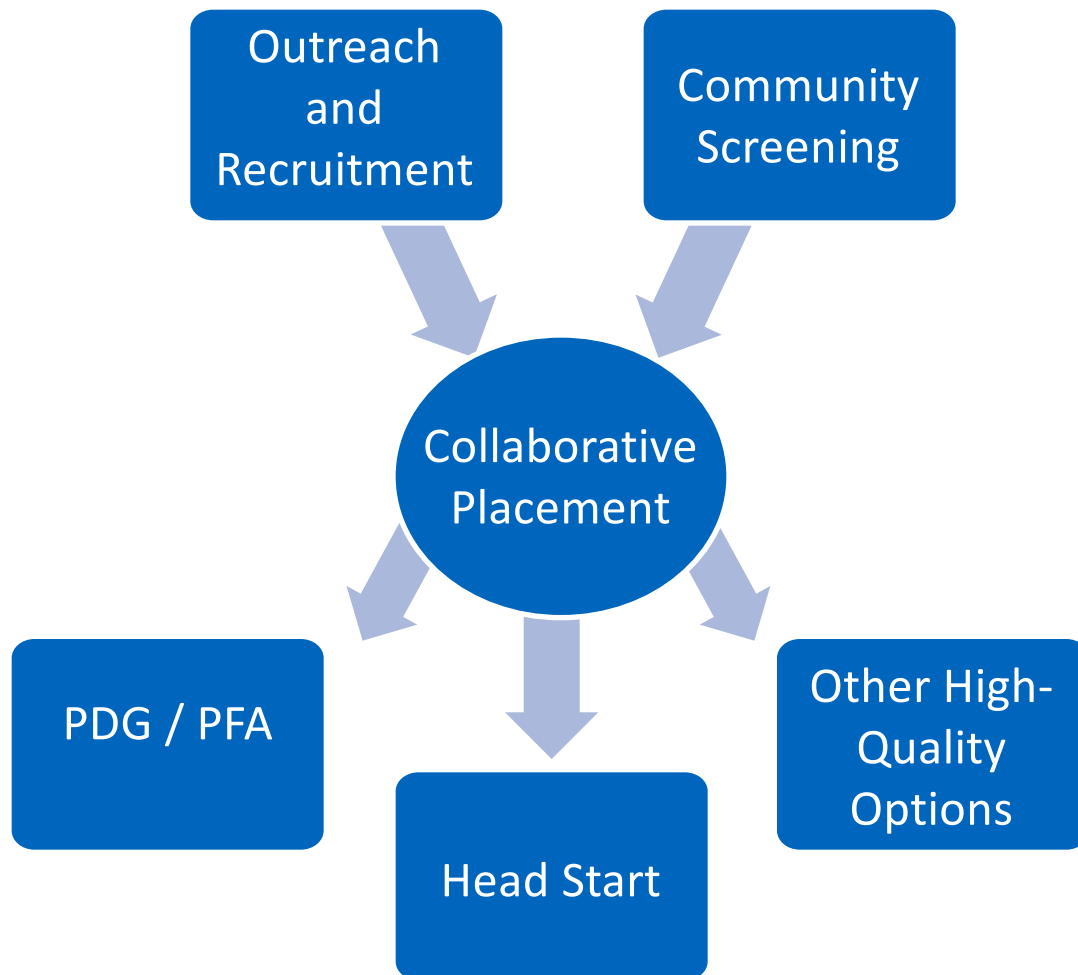
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Initial Goals

- Use state resources to help communities build strong partnerships
- Empower communities to connect the most at-risk families to high-quality early childhood programs
- Collaboration NOT competition



Coordinated Intake



- Community stakeholders commit to collaboration on:
 - Recruitment
 - Eligibility screening
 - Placement

Obstacles and Challenges

- ◉ State agencies and systems are in flux
- ◉ Communities need infrastructure for collaboration
- ◉ Lack of a centralized technical assistance structure for community systems



Obstacles and Challenges



- Lack of understanding about collaboration at the program level
 - Why should we collaborate?
 - How do we collaborate?
 - Won't collaboration keep us from meeting enrollment targets?



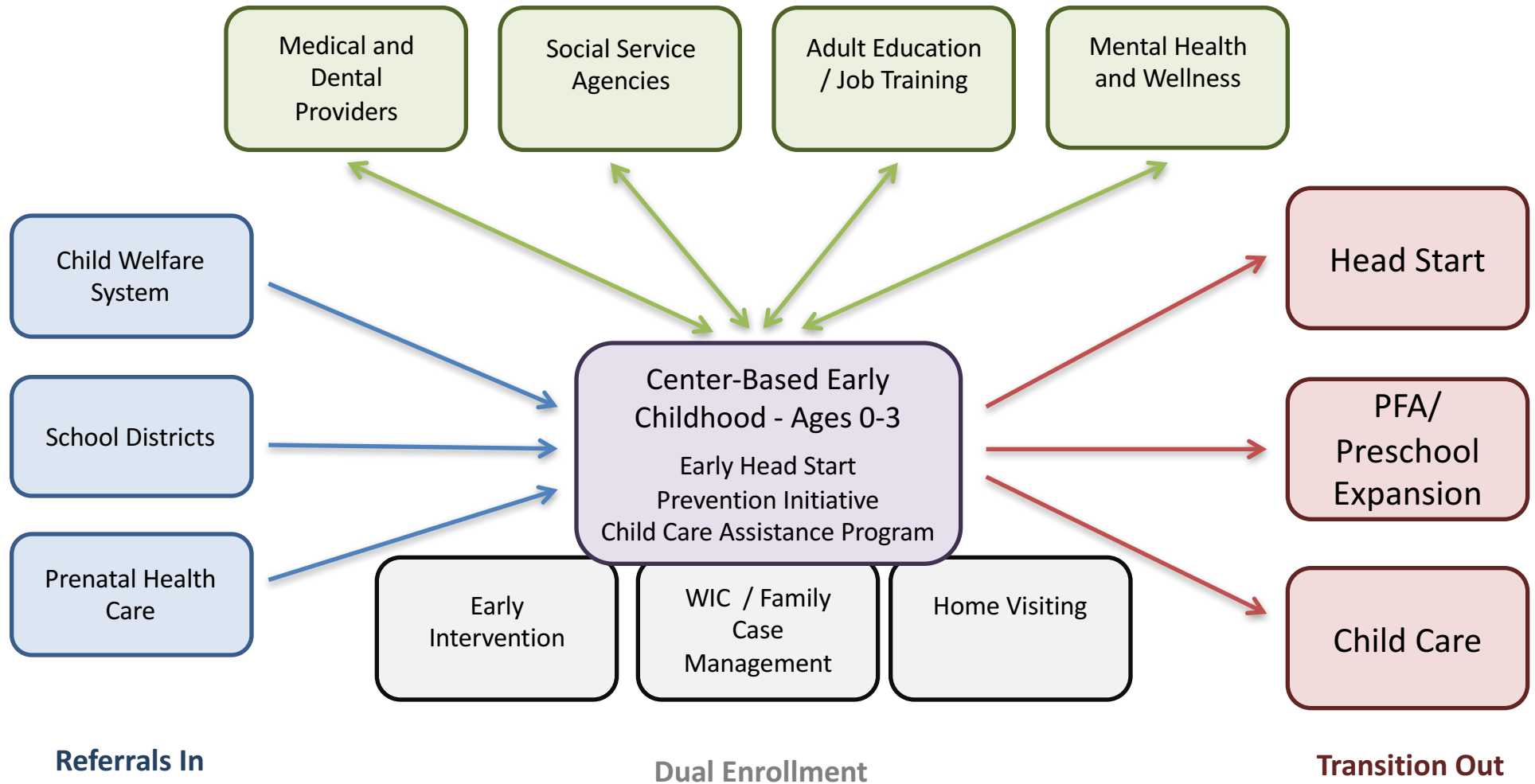
Accomplishments

- Interest from communities in coordinated intake
- Recognition from state agencies that supports are necessary to enroll the most at-risk



DRAFT Collaboration Map – Center-Based Early Childhood Ages 0-3

Mutual Referral for Family Services



Plan and Next Steps

- ◉ Integrate coordinated intake into existing system changes
 - Re-competition
 - Community Systems Development
- ◉ Start at square one
 - Written and recorded resources
 - Community of practice
- ◉ Figure out how to use resources towards a community-level pilot



Lessons Learned

- Progress moves slowly
- Build on existing opportunities
- Focus on sustainable systems, not short-term interventions



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR PROJECT YET?

NO, I'M WAITING FOR INSPIRATION.



YOU CAN'T JUST TURN ON CREATIVITY LIKE A FAUCET. YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE RIGHT MOOD.



WHAT MOOD IS THAT?

LAST-MINUTE PANIC.

