Developing State Supports for Coordinated Intake

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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

Outreach and Recruitment
Community Screening
Collaborative Placement
PDG / PFA
Head Start
Other High-Quality Options
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**

- Medical and Dental Providers
- Social Service Agencies
- Adult Education / Job Training
- Mental Health and Wellness

**Referrals In**
- Child Welfare System
- School Districts
- Prenatal Health Care

**Dual Enrollment**
- Early Intervention
- WIC / Family Case Management
- Home Visiting

**Center-Based Early Childhood - Ages 0-3**
- Early Head Start
- Prevention Initiative
- Child Care Assistance Program

**Transition Out**
- Head Start
- PFA/Preschool Expansion
- Child Care

Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development
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.