

**Office of Community Services (OCS)
&
Office of Head Start (OHS)**

**Partnership: *Leveraging Resources to Support
Programming***

NASCSP 2020 WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

1:15PM – 3:30PM



Session Framework

Reaffirming Common Mission

Partnership Vision & Goals

Connecting the Network

Next Steps



Collaborative Efforts

- ❑ Partnership began 4-5 years ago
- ❑ Purpose: Increase Communication, Collaboration, Coordination
Program oversight,
 - Support for mutual grantees and,
 - Children & families in poverty,
 - Approximately (531) 1/3 of our grantees are co-located within
Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- ❑ Focus: Program Leadership, Governance, Fiscal, sharing of data to
inform monitoring and T/TA



Partnership Central Goals

Enhance the relationship between Office of Head Start and Office of Community Service by leveraging federal, regional, and state resources to strengthen agency and program effectiveness in leadership, governance, fiscal, and data management.

Encourage communication efforts between Head Start executive directors and Community Action Program agency executive directors.



Enhanced Collaboration Efforts

- ☐ Joint introductory letter July 2019
- ☐ Regional Program Innovation Consortium (RPIC) Meetings
- ☐ Designated OHS staff attended 8 meetings in 2019
- ☐ Calls with State Associations
- ☐ Leveraging Expertise and Support National Center Program Management and Fiscal Operations
- ☐ Head Start Collaborations Directors attending CAP Conference
- ☐ Inaugural Joint Webinar
- ☐ On-site monitoring reviews on shared high risk grantees



Dear Colleague Letter



ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20201 | www.acf.hhs.gov

DATE: July 3, 2019

TO: CSBG Network, Head Start Grantees & Delegates

SUBJECT: Office of Community Services and Office of Head Start Training & Technical Assistance Collaboration Initiative

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to inform you of a renewed partnership at the federal level between the Office of Head Start (OHS) and the Office of Community Services (OCS). While collaboration between our offices is not new, the goals of this partnership are to reaffirm our common mission to support children and families with low-income as well as contribute to building strong communities. This partnership is critical, as approximately 531 Community Service Block Grant Community Action Agencies (CAA) are host to both Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

OHS in collaboration with OCS will leverage existing federal, regional, and state resources to strengthen agency and program effectiveness in areas of leadership, governance, fiscal, and data management. Additionally, we will promote collaboration, through enhanced communication and the development of relationships that support innovation and enhancement.

We will engage a broad range of stakeholders at the state, regional and local levels to further shape and inform this partnership. This engagement will include these joint activities:

- CSBG State Lead Agencies and State Community Action Associations will provide an opportunity for the Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) to review the CSBG State Training and Technical Assistance Plan to allow for increased understanding of common areas of needs and opportunities for collaboration and coordination in the planning and delivery of technical assistance;
- The OHS National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations will be the conduit for aligning Head Start Training and Technical Assistance opportunities (including OHS National Centers as appropriate) and sharing content knowledge and resources with CSBG sponsored training and technical centers;

- OCS will encourage the Human Capacity and Community Transformation (HCCT) Center of Excellence to collaborate with the Office of Head Start National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations (NCPMFO) to identify and develop combined training and technical assistance efforts to improve program leadership and enhance the development and implementation of sound management systems (e.g. oversight, coordination, fiduciary, and legal) benefiting both program areas;
- CSBG State Lead Agencies will encourage CAA's to establish an integrative process for assessing community needs between Head Start and CSBG regardless of whether or not the CAA is a Head Start grantee; and,
- OHS and OCS will encourage the sharing of current monitoring/performance data and best practices with program leaders to develop proactive and coordinated strategies to address the economic and socially vulnerable circumstances of children, families, and in their communities.

Future efforts will include a joint national webinar to provide more details on this renewed partnership, opportunities for Head Start programs not located with CAA's to establish partnerships in support of families they have in common, as well as opportunities to strengthen relationships among State CSBGs, State Associations, Head Start Collaboration Offices, and Regional Offices. Aligning stakeholder engagement would raise awareness, maximize resources, increase participation, and stabilize families.

Thank you for all you do every day to impact the lives of children and families in communities across the country.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dr. Deborah Bergeron
Director
Office of Head Start

/s/

Clarence H. Carter
Acting Director
Office of Community Services

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Target Audiences

Expanding our Reach: *Linking both networks*

- National Community Action Partnership
- CAPLAW
- NASCSP
- State CSBG Offices
- State Community Action Agencies
- Community Action Agencies
- Head Start Regional Offices
- State Associations
- Head Start Collaboration Directors
- Office Head Start grantees



State and Regional Opportunities

Similar to the federal level, we encourage HS/EHS grantees and Community Action Agencies to:

Cultivate and sustain partnerships and collaborative relationships

Share and align T/TA plans

Share and leverage data and resources

Participate in local, regional, and national conferences



Supporting State OCS and OHS Partnerships

Learn each sector's roles, responsibilities, funding and systems- **Building Capacity**

Understand the current landscape and critical stakeholders – **Community Matters**

Effectively cultivate and manage partnerships within government in order to increase impact- **Government as a Catalyst**

Understand how to best use data to drive performance and impact management and decision-making - **Evidence Based Policy**



CSBG & Head Start Resources

CAPLAW

<https://caplaw.org/resources/PublicationDocuments/CrosswalkCSBGOrgStandardsHeadStartDownload.html>

CAP

https://communityactionpartnership.com/search-page/?fwp_1=head-start

OHS

Early Childhood & Knowledge Center

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>



Questions & Answers



Thank You!

