



Creating Comprehensive Service Structures

Devising partnership models that meet the needs of a variety of child care providers is vital in developing a workable project design for your EHS-Child Care Partnership project. By considering the questions below, project partners can establish a service model that delivers high-quality comprehensive services to children.

Questions to Ask and Key Strategies

WHAT SERVICES ARE REQUIRED BY LICENSING, ACCREDITATION, or QUALITY RATING SYSTEMS & EARLY HEAD START?

Review your state licensing standards and the level of participation the child care provider has in regard to QRIS system criteria, national accreditation programs, and compare to EHS standards and program components. Identify the gaps in services and make decisions about how those will be provided using grant funds.

WHAT SERVICES ARE ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE PARTNER?

Download the Buildwell Group Collaboration Grid which provides a summary of key EHS services. Review the grid with partners and check off services that are provided by the grantee and services that will be provided by the partner.

WHICH STAFF CAN BE SHARED ACROSS PROGRAMS?

In some cases, the EHS program has staff that can provide additional services within the child care partner program such as, health screenings, assessments, family services, etc. Alternatively, discuss the use of existing staff in child care programs and identify which EHS service enhancements they may be able to take on. Another option, is to discuss what types of staff will be needed to implement the expanded service model.

