

# Early Childhood Updates Lori Masseur

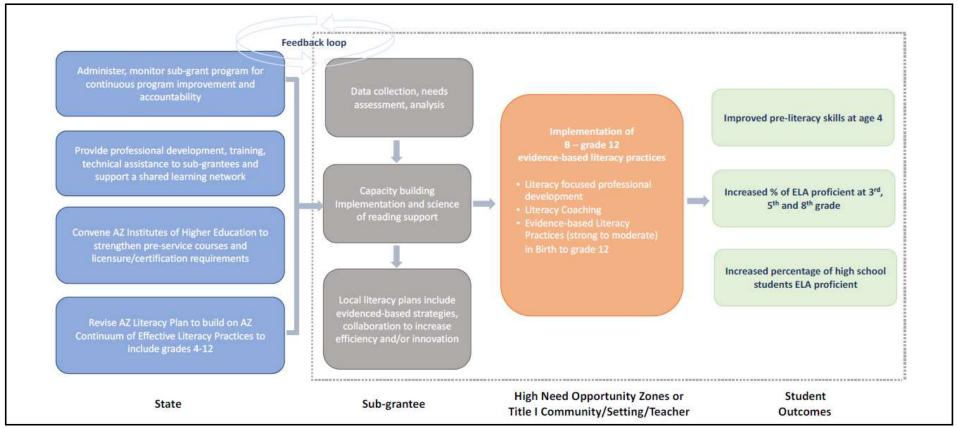


- 1. Building the <u>capacity of Arizona schools and systems</u> serving the highest percentage of disadvantaged students to accelerate improvement in English Language Arts outcomes, particularly targeting schools and early childhood education sites in highneed areas.
- 2. Ensuring <u>disadvantaged students have equitable access</u> to highly-effective teachers and early care and education providers trained in the Science of Reading.
- 3. Expanding <u>Arizona's capacity and infrastructure</u> to implement high-quality, evidence-based practices and strategies to support struggling readers.



\$20,000,000 over Five Years to Improve Literacy Across a Birth to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuum







## **CLSD Age Bands**

 Not less than 15% of grant funds must be used for state and local programs and activities pertaining to children from birth through kindergarten entry.

Early Childhood



 Not less than 40% of grant funds must be used for state and local programs and activities, allocated equitably among the grades of kindergarten through grade five.



 Not less than 40% of grant funds must be used for state and local programs and activities, allocated equitably among grades six through twelve.

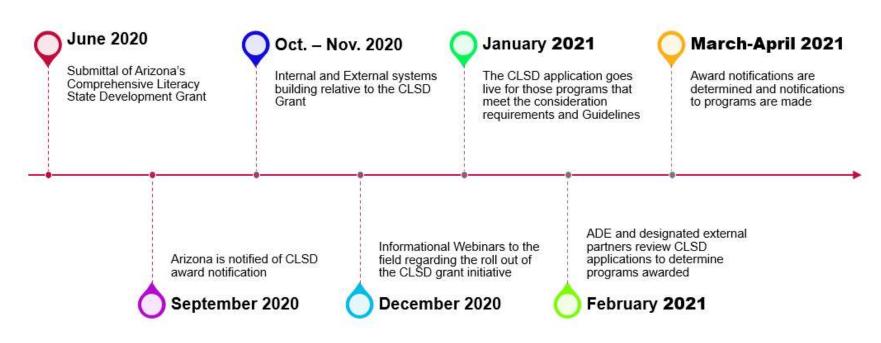
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For this competition, State Education Agencies are required to prioritize subgrant applications within Opportunity Zones that meet the higher evidence levels of strong or moderate evidence included in the definition of "evidence-based"



# Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant

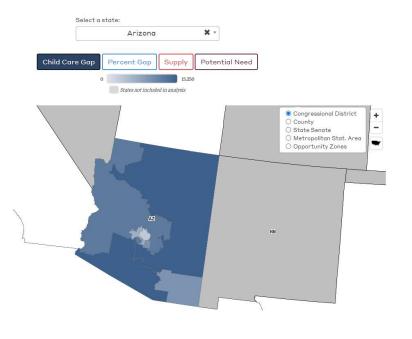




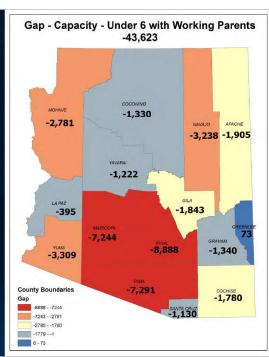
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## **Bipartisan Policy Center- Childcare Gap**









https://childcaregap.org/

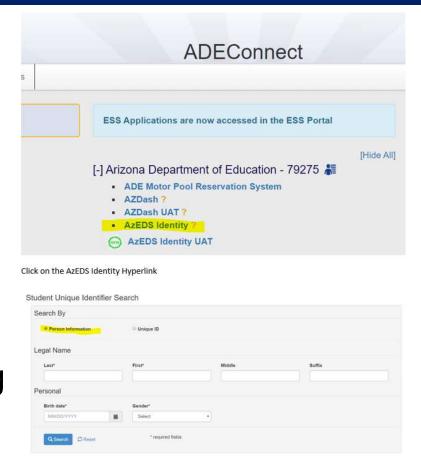
### Early Childhood Block Grant ARS 15-521

- Budget Request Submitted to the Governor's Office September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ask for \$20 million per year (aligns to prior ECBG and PDG amount)
- Current work on updating statutory language
  - Quality
  - Eligibility Requirements
  - Evaluation
  - Ongoing Progress Monitoring



### **TSG Data**

- Invalid Child SAIS ID Numbers
- Invalid Site Entity IDs are invalid (site identifier)
- Guidance on developing a system and process for generating accurate Child SAIS IDs
- Guidance on developing a system and process for inputting accurate Site Identifier (Entity-ID no alpha characters)





## 2021-2026 HSSCO Strategic Plan

### **Timeline**



March Shelter in
Place
April - Cancel
in-person
meeting
May - Decisior
to move 100%
virtual and
build platform
for virtual
meeting and
live access to
docs.

## STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

The purpose of the survey is to identify the effectiveness of activities in the 2016-2021 plan and inform the 2021-2026 plan





### WHO:

AZ Head Start Grantees, Delegate Directors, and AZHSA Committee Leadership

#### WHEN: TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2020 12:00 - 2:00 PM

WHERE: Arizona Dept of Education TUCSON 416 W Congress St Suite 100 Tucson, AZ 85701 Conf. Room 105

### WHY:

Planning and Review of Head Start priorities relative to the next five year grant period 2021-2026





QUESTIONS: Please contact the ADE Early Childhood Education Unit 602-364-1530





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### 2021-2026 HSSCO Strategic Plan

Long Range Goal 3: Increase the number of children in vulnerable populations served by Head Start. Vulnerable populations include children experiencing homelessness, refugee status, foster care, and children from military families and with an IEP/IFSP.

Short Term Objective A: Annually, identify obstacles for the different vulnerable populations in the different communities to enroll and remain in Head Start programs.

#### Process Goals:

- 1. Create a working group to examine PIR and programmatic data to identify trends in low enrollment and high enrollment of vulnerable population to identify who does this well and who needs more support.
- 2. Executive committee will oversee the discussion of trends and strategies for identifying obstacles for the enrollment of vulnerable populations.
- 3. Parent Family and Community Engagement Committee will be responsible for sharing out trends and strategies with ERSEA program staff for grantees.

#### Partners identified to collaborate on this work:

ADE, McKinney Vento data, DES, MapLit, DHS, AZHSA

#### Expected Outcomes:

- Increased identification of obstacles to the enrollment of vulnerable populations.
- 2. Increase the number of children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start from families experiencing homelessness, poverty, refugee status, kith & kin care, foster care, military and IEP/IFSP.

Arizona Head Start Association Sub-Committee Alignment: Parent, Family and Community Progress Monitoring Annually, Parent surve data (ADE, McKinney committee will assign

Committee

National OHS Priority Alignment: Work with state efforts to collect data regarding early child! Apache county, programs and child outcomes

at quarterly AZHSA m

Regional OHS Priority Alignment: Services to children experiencing homelessness, services t with disabilities, child welfare

Arizona Statewide Strategic Plan Alignment: Inclusion

#### **Poverty Rates**

According to the 2020 Arizona Kids Count Data Book, "the percentage of Arizona children living in poverty rose to 23 percent statewide and increased in 10 out of 15 counties. Today, more children are living at or below the federal poverty threshold than in 2009".

Children Living in Poverty by Race and Ethnicity



#### Median Income

In the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey reports 2019 estimates, the median income in Arizona is \$56,213. This is below the US average of \$60,293. This figure varies across the state and by Race and Ethnicity. The county with the lowest median income is

