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Overview



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“New” Faces in Region IX Leadership



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FY 2020 Budget



\$10.6 billion Head Start appropriation includes:

- **\$193 million for COLA**
 - Approximately 2% for HS, EHS, and EHS-CCP grantees.
- **\$250 million for Quality Improvement**
 - Permanent increase to base funding awarded on a slot-based formula.
 - Grantees can use the dollars to support activities outlined in the HS Act 604(a)(5).
 - Congressional emphasis on activities to address trauma-informed approaches.
- **\$100 million for EHS Expansion / EHS-CCP**
 - Through competitive application process, to be awarded by March 2021.

45% Service Duration Requirement for Head Start ACF-PI-HS-20-01



- HHS Secretary Azar Lowers Head Start Service Duration Requirement to 45%
- The final rule at 45 CFR §1302.21(c)(2)(iv) states a program must provide 1,020 annual hours of planned class operations over at least eight months per year for 100% of its center-based and FCC funded enrollment by August 1, 2021.
- Program instruction lowers the requirement that a program provide 1,020 hours of planned class operations from 100% of center-based funded enrollment to 45%.

Waiver of 45% Service Duration Requirement

Programs may request a waiver of the 45% service duration requirement. In order to receive a waiver, a program must demonstrate that their proposed program design effectively supports children's development and progress in early learning outcomes and better meets the needs of their community

Administrative Simplification for Consolidating Head Start Grants

ACF-PI-HS-19-02



- **Benefits:**
 - Streamlines administrative requirements and removing duplicative efforts.
 - Eliminates tracking cost allocation over multiple Head Start grants with different funding cycles.
 - Reduces reporting and budget revisions and amendments by grant, and auditing of multiple grants with different cycles.
- **Considerations:**
 - All funds are subject to the project period of the oldest grant.
 - Due to the nature of the current appropriation, EHS CCP grants cannot be combined with Head Start and Early Head Start grants under accounting codes CH.
- **Intent to Consolidate Existing Grants:**
 - Grantees must notify OHS of their intent using the Head Start Enterprise System (HSES).
 - Use HSES Correspondence and indicate as the subject line "Intent to Consolidate Grants."

Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

ACF-IM-HS-20-01



➤ **Enrollment of Children with Disabilities**

- Each Head Start grant must include a minimum of 10% of all slots occupied by children with disabilities.
- When a Head Start agency operates two different Head Start or Early Head grants in adjoining counties, or enrolls children from birth to 5, it should be vigilant in analyzing data to ensure all children with potential disabilities are being identified and evaluated.
- If, after exhaustive efforts, programs cannot meet the requirement, a grantee may request a waiver from the Regional Office.

➤ **Additional Considerations**

- Children with Delays Not Eligible Under IDEA
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Safe Sleep



- OHS is promoting Safe Sleep Guidelines developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Policy highlights:
 - Place infants on their backs when sleeping
 - Use a firm sleep surface such as a mattress in a safety-approved crib
 - Keep soft bedding such as blankets, pillows, bumper pads, and soft toys out of the baby's sleep area, and
 - Ensure that pacifiers have nothing attached to them, and
 - Refrain from bed sharing.

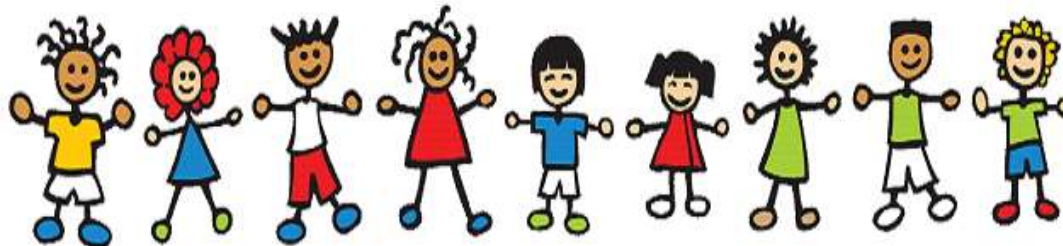
- Webinar Resource
 - [Strategies to Support Safe Sleep Environments in Early Childhood Education Programs](#) by Dr. Rachel Moon, an expert on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is available on ECLKC.

Region IX School Readiness Contacts



- ▶ Discussions to be completed by 5/31/2020
- ▶ Topics include:
 - Promoting Social-Emotional Well Being
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Coaching

Stay tuned for more information forthcoming!



Region IX Professional Development Opportunities



Please check with your TTA POC about these upcoming opportunities

- Feb 2020 WEBINAR - PFCE Welcoming Environments and Inclusive Practices
- March 2020 WEBINAR - ECHW Mental Health Children and Families/Trauma and Resilience
- April 15, 2020 WEBINAR - PMFO Leadership Cohort
- May 5-6 , 2020 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - PMFO Fiscal Institute
- May 7-8, 2020 SAN FRANCISCO, CA –Leadership Cohort
- May 5-7, 2020 SACRAMENTO, CA - NCDTL R9 STEM- DLL, Educational Leadership Curriculum Fidelity
- May 12-13, 2020 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - UW Early EDU and Instructional Leadership Cohort
- May 18-20, 2020 SACRAMENTO, CA - PMFO/ PFCE CHSA Leadership Institute - Community Assessment and Building Partnerships
- May 21-22, 2020 SACRAMENTO, CA - Region IX Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Conference

Thank you for all you do on behalf of children and families!



Please contact your assigned
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