Head Start/Child Care - We CAN Play in the Same Sandbox

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Session Objectives

Participants will increase knowledge and skills in:

- Developing the process that ultimately results in blending of different sources of funds

- Understanding the commonalities of CCDF and Head Start philosophies and funding restrictions

- Implementing and sustaining blended funding programs

- Creating partnership agreements that will sustain blended funded programs

- Tracking and monitoring the success and challenges of blended funded programs
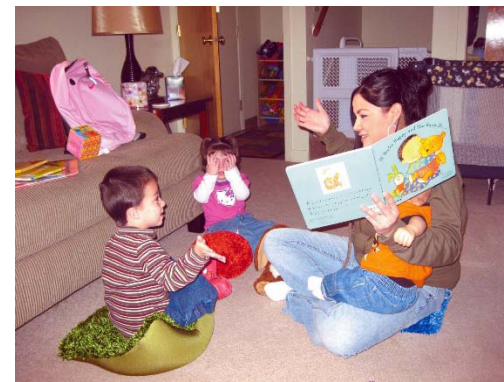
Introductions and History

History of Early Childhood Partnerships
- What has changed?
- What has remained the same?

Setting the Stage

What does your program look like now?

- Please individually draw a picture of what your program looks like now.

- Is it a single program, do you have partners, do you share space or other program activities
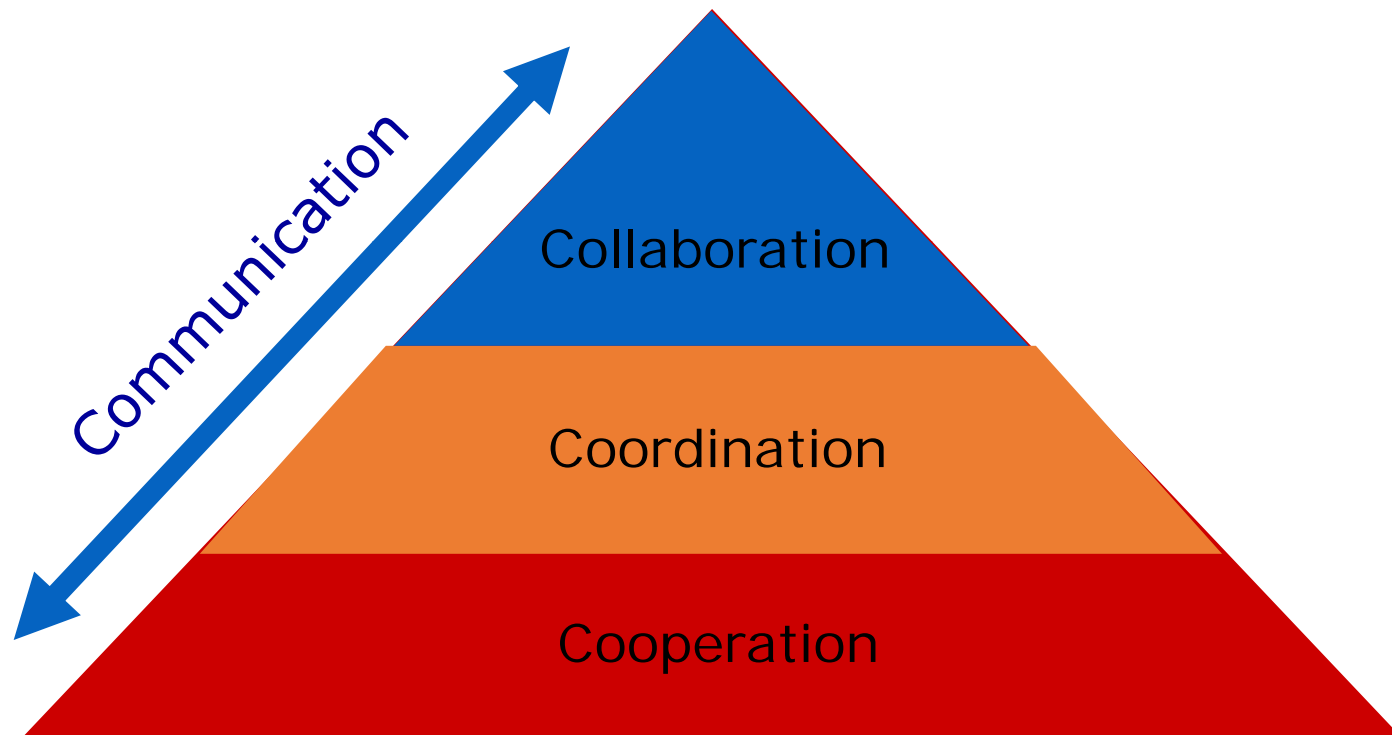
Partnership Basics

- **Share a Vision**
- **Communicate**
- **Work at It**
- **Clarify Expectations**
- **Reach Out**
- **Considerations**

Building Relationships: Doing the Work

Communication

- Collaboration
- Coordination
- Cooperation

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Child Care and Head Start Partnerships Scenario

Blending or Combining Program Funds

Child Care

CACFP

Head Start
Comprehensive
Services
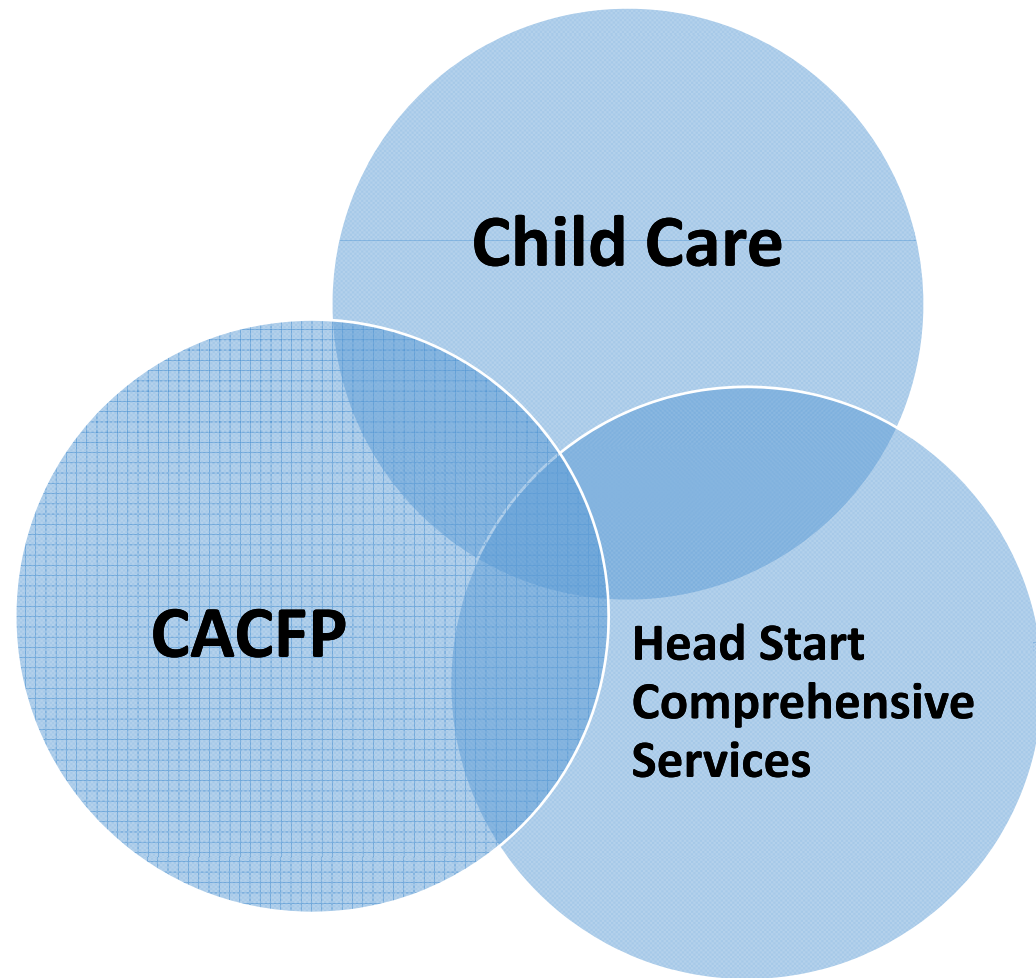
Partnering at the Local Level

Braiding policy and practice among early care and after-school services

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Labels on braided strands (left to right):
- Curriculum
- Child screening
- Child assessment
- Policies/Procedures
- Shared Services
- Standards
- Public Awareness
- Parent Education
- Skill Development
- Vision
- Mission/Purpose
- Child Outcomes
- Program Assessment
- Learning Environment
- Common Forms
- Outreach Strategies
- Parent Education
- Community Assessment

Center oval: Improved Child and Family Outcomes

Right side (unraveled strands):
- Family Support
- Learning
- Special Needs/Early Intervention
- Mental Health
- Health/Nutrition

Sustaining the Partnership

- Tracking and Monitoring
- Data Collection
- Sustainability planning
- Conflict resolution
- Continuous Improvement

Going Back Home