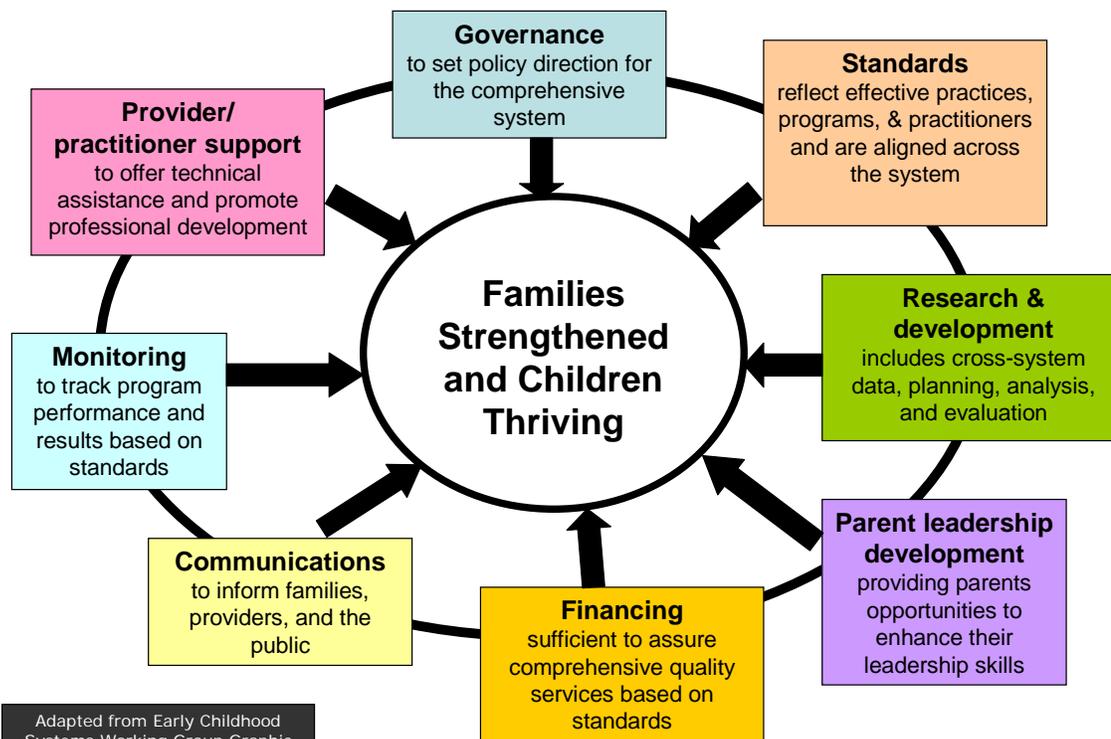


Materials and Instructions for 2008 Early Childhood Systems Building Partners Meeting Pre-Work

This document provides instructions for work that you are being asked to conduct in preparation for the Early Childhood Systems Building Partners Meeting. ECCS grantees are asked to take the lead on convening the team (ideally in-person but possibly by conference call) who will be attending the meeting along with any other comprehensive systems partners who might be interested in contributing to the discussion, to examine systems building activities in early childhood mental health and family support.

It is important that you remind participants that the focus of this work is on **systems not programs**. Prior to the meeting, you should provide team members with copies of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Plan. The Core Elements of an Early Childhood Development System diagram below and the meeting preparation that has gone on will also help focus the discussion on systems issues. While the core elements listed below are essential to system development there are still cases where something can fit in the diagram but not be a systems activity. For example, programs can be offering provider/practitioner support or be engaged in monitoring without impacting the larger early childhood system in which they operate. Program work is important but the focus of the early childhood partnerships that are being fostered through this meeting and through the Federal partnership that planned this meeting is on systems that cut across programs, disciplines, and agencies.

Core Elements of an Early Childhood Development System



Once the team members are convened remind them that the focus of the pre-work and the March meeting is on early childhood mental health and family support. Team members should be asked to review your State or jurisdictions Early Childhood Comprehensive Plans, particularly those parts that address issues related to early childhood mental health and family support. It would be helpful if the group went around and broadly discussed systems building activities that are taking place in early childhood mental health and family support. Following that discussion you should choose at least two of the core elements of systems building to focus on and fill out the forms below. If you have time and would like, feel free to cover more elements. Once you have completed these forms please email them to: eccs@altarum.org. **Please complete this activity by February 29, 2008.**

These forms will be used to help plan for the meeting and will be analyzed by Altarum and put in a briefing paper for the Federal partners who have sponsored the meeting. In addition to emailing a copy of the work you complete, please bring an electronic and hard copy to the partners meeting.

Core Element (Please Check One): Governance Standards

Research & Development Parent Leadership Development Financing

Communications Monitoring Provider/Practitioner Support

What activities are currently taking place under this core element related to family support and/or early childhood mental health?

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