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**COST ALLOCATION/SHARING  
VIRGINIA CASE STUDY –  
THE HAPPY DAYS BUDGET**

The following are unique features of the Virginia-based Happy Days Budget:

- Child Care support for Head Start wraparound is fully funded (the funding will be adjusted to ensure all children who apply and are eligible will get subsidy).
- Virginia subsidy regulations allow for Head Start children to remain income eligible for subsidy as long as they remain enrolled in Head Start.
- Virginia subsidy regulations define wrap-around as child care needed in the summer and outside a 4 hour Head Start day.
- Virginia has waiting lists for subsidized child care except for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), TANF transition, and Head Start wrap-around.
- This “project” did not have a fiscal agreement but rather the fiscal agency (a 401c(3) had contracts in place for each funding source).
- The budget is inclusive of all costs of a high quality program for all kids following the Head Start performance standards.
- The funding from PreK was largely in-kind.
- The budget was shared with all funders so they could see no one was double dipping and that no one funder was paying a disproportionate share.
- The children and families in this program only knew that they were “center based” or “home based.” They didn’t know the different funding sources or who was paying for what.