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FUNDING SOURCES AND REGULATIONS

Regulatory boundaries come with each funding source. Partnerships should seek clarification when there is a question on the differences in regulations. Sometimes the differences are perceived and not in actual law or regulation. It is important that this part of the planning process come after initial relationships have been developed and trust established.

Regulatory probing questions:

1. How will partners learn more about each other's regulations?
2. Has each partner shared its funder's eligibility and service regulations?
3. What are the similarities and differences?
4. What process can be used to compare regulations?
5. How will the collaboration be monitored to ensure regulations are being followed?
6. What other questions do participants want to ask partners?

There are several resources that compare and identify different early care and education services regulations. For example, the Colorado Early Childhood Standards Crosswalk Database (www.smartstartcolorado.org/communities/ece_crosswalk.html) is a free online tool that compares Head Start Performance Standards and Colorado's "Building Blocks" for children with several early childhood education program standards, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children standards. Note that these standards are most applicable to preschool, child care, and early childhood education programs.