



# School Readiness

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# Introduction

- School Readiness is the authorizing purpose of Head Start.
  
- It means:
  - Children Ready for School
  - Parents Ready to Support their Children's Progress
  - Schools Ready For Children



# Children Ready for Schools

- ❑ Head Start defines school readiness as children possessing the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life.
- ❑ We are committed to ensuring that children we enroll have the best we have to offer.
- ❑ We will continue to work with grantees to support the intentional approach to achieving school readiness.



# Purpose of SR Calls

- ❑ In 2011-2012, the calls were established to help OHS know more about the status of programs in regard to school readiness.
- ❑ Calls were designed to be informal and not part of monitoring.
- ❑ Calls were expected to provide information about strengths, challenges, and needed TA.



❑ Information was NOT used to monitor compliance.

❑ It WAS used to:

- Identify TA needs and strengths of individual grantees
- Identify trends
- Prioritize T/TA and resource development



# More Specifically...

- ❑ Some programs still need help with establishing appropriate goals for children birth to five.
- ❑ Many more programs are struggling with systems for aggregating and analyzing data.
- ❑ Many are challenged by using data to support continuous quality improvement.



# What You Can Expect This Year: 2012-2013

- Two calls/discussions that are no more than one hour long.
- Purpose is to develop shared understanding of grantee's status, strengths, and needs, to identify challenges, resources, and actions.
- Questions are customized, based on last year's information.
- You will not need to complete or submit anything in advance of the call/discussion.





# Content of 2012-2013 Calls

## □ Status of SR Goals



❑ What has family engagement got to do with it?



❑ What did YOU learn last year?



□ How are your assessments going this year?





□ How are you aggregating data?



# Frequently Asked Questions

- *How can we present data in a way that is easy for parents, staff, and the community to understand?*



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- *What is the role of the Director with regard to school readiness?*



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- *How do you engage the community in school readiness goals?*





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- *How do we select an assessment instrument for EHS?*



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- *How can school readiness goals drive professional development?*



# In Summary

Head Start programs are called upon to ensure that the nation's most vulnerable children get the highest quality services.

As a national leader of early childhood education, we continue each day to use what we learn to improve.



# Thanks for Joining us Today!

