# EARLY LEARNING AND PLANNING IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Welcome

# **ESSA** and Early Learning

#### **Every Student Succeeds Act**

#### Early Learning is woven throughout ESSA

- Schools are able to use all or a portion of Title I, Part
   A funds to operate schoolwide preschool programs.
- LEAs may use a portion of Title I, Part A funds to operate preschool programs throughout the LEA, or in a portion of the LEA, for eligible children.
- An LEA may also coordinate with other programs to improve the quality or extend the day or number of days in a program (for example, extending kindergarten to full-day).
- LEAs may use funds to strengthen transitions between pre-k and kindergarten and to align curriculum and content standards between sectors.



#### **Every Student Succeeds Act**

Early Learning is woven throughout ESSA



- LEAs and schools may use Title I funds to improve educators knowledge of child development in birth through third grade settings through joint professional development.
- Funds can also be used for comprehensive services, including home visiting, developmental screenings for children before entering school, transportation and nutrition services.

# **District Plans**

## **District Plans (CCIP)**

#### Timelines and Planning for Submission

- What is a district plan?
- What is the timeline for development and submission of plans? What is the process?
- How should stakeholders be included?
- How can we work together to create a new strategic plan for use of resources and community supports?
- Who are the partners in this work?



#### NC CCIP 2018-19 Revision 2.1.0

ESSA Enhancements and Modifications

NCDPI Consolidated Application

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division

# **Early Learning in District Plans**

#### District Plans and Early Learning Opportunities

How can early learning be part of the district vision for 2018-2019?

The 2018 Consolidated Application includes new questions that ask LEAs to outline their activities to support young children's development beginning at birth.

There are opportunities throughout the application to include information related to early learning programs and policies.

Please refer to the federal guidance, Non-Regulatory Guidance Early Learning in the Every Student Succeeds Act Expanding Opportunities to Support our Youngest Learners, for additional information and requirements.

District leaders should review the application and this document with early childhood leaders in their community to develop a strong, coordinated plan that supports optimal development for all children in the community.

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#### District Plans and Early Learning Opportunities

There are opportunities throughout the application to include additional information related to early learning programs and policies. Examples include:

- Parent and Family Engagement
- Homeless Children and Youth Services
- Support, Coordination and Integration of Services in Early Childhood Education Programs

- Coordination Requirements
- Targeted Assistance Schools
- Professional Growth and Improvement
- Language Acquisition
- Student Support and Academic Enrichment

# Collaborating Across Systems

## **Coordination Requirements**

LEAs are required to coordinate with Head Start **programs.** The new law holds LEAs responsible for developing agreements to role work with Head Start programs to coordinate services, which could include data reporting and sharing, alignment of standards and curriculum, and transition plans for children moving from Head Start and into the public school programs for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. The requirement to coordinate also applies to local schools who opt to provide early childhood programming as part of their schoolwide model under Title I.

#### LEA Coordination with Head Start and Other Early Childhood Programs

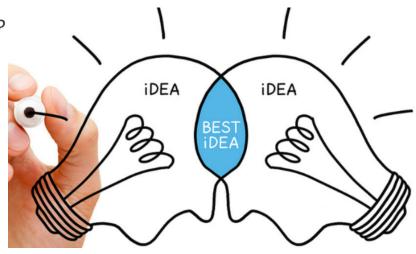
Each LEA receiving *Title I* funds, regardless of whether it operates a Title I preschool program, must develop agreements and carry out the following coordination activities with Head Start and, if feasible, other early childhood programs:

- ✓ Developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records of preschool children
- ✓ Establishing channels of communication between school staff and their counterparts to facilitate coordination
- ✓ Conducting meetings involving parents, kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers to discuss the developmental and other needs of children
- Organizing and participating in joint transitionrelated training of school, Head Start, and where appropriate, other early childhood education program staff
- ✓ Linking the educational services provided by the LEA with those provided by Head Start agencies

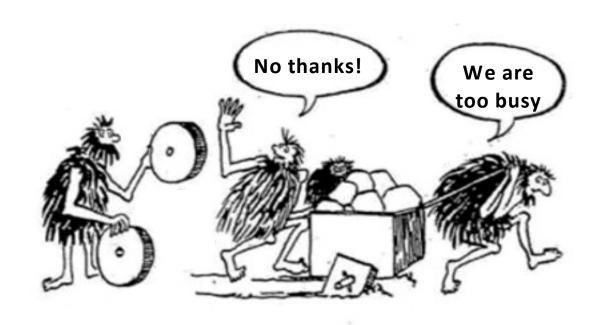
See ESEA Section 1119

## **Collaborating to Improve District Plans**

- What data do we have about young children?
- Who are our partners in early childhood across the community?
- How are we currently spending Title I funds?
- How are we currently investing in professional development?
- What do we know about elementary schools most at risk of being in school improvement status?



## **Collaborating to Improve District Plans**



# Q and A

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