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Family Child Care Providers and Early Head Start – Child Care Partnerships

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Today’s discussion:

- Experiences in the field
- Our examples
- Making it happen
- Your questions, experiences and ideas

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About NAFCC

The National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) is *the* professional association dedicated specifically to promoting high-quality early childhood experiences in the unique environment of family child care programs.

- NAFCC represents 5,700 professional family child care provider members
- NAFCC Accreditation: a commitment to continuous quality improvement
- State and local associations
Family child care is an essential piece of the puzzle

Family child care is a critical component of early care and education

We’re part of the solution to challenges

We are ready to serve

And yet the supply is declining and providers are struggling
Our story – by the numbers

- 11 million children younger than age 5 are in child care
- 1.4 million children receive CCDBG assistance – a 16-year low
  - From 2006 to 2014, nearly 364,000 fewer children received CCDBG-funded child care.
- Price of child care is high and families are struggling
  - Low wage jobs; nontraditional hours; choices
- Quality costs, and quality varies (and most is mediocre or poor)
- NSECE: 118,000 “listed” caregivers and 919,000 “unlisted” caregivers
- NCCQI/NARA: 134,920, down 13% since 2008
- Only 10 states license family child care providers caring for 1+ children
  - 40 states with some other threshold – huge population of lic. exempt care - they are the ece workforce too, and families are counting on them
Head Start Performance Standards

Family child care is in there as a model option

The proposed revision to the Performance Standards puts the family child care model front-and-center for grantees

64% of Head Start families in 2014 included at least one working parent, and 14% of families included a parent in school or job training

Partnering with family child care is a way to meet the needs of working families while also providing a rich experience for young children

But it isn’t happening very much:

- 1,204 slots in Head Start (0.2% of the funded slots)
- 2,282 slots in Early Head Start (2.0% of the funded slots)
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships

In FY2014, Congress approved $500 million for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships

- 275 new and expansion grantees
- 600 family child care providers are partners

For FY2016, Congress approved an additional $135 million

- The FOA is expected June 2016
Our experience: Alexandria, Virginia

**The grantee:** The Campagna Center, the Alexandria Family Child Care Partnership Project (AFCCPP)

**About us:** The Campagna Center (TCC) provides comprehensive services to infants, toddlers, preschoolers, & their families, living at or below poverty. TCC has 71 years serving the community through a range of social programs that impact children, youth, and adults.

**About me:** My role is to support the partnership project in my role as Director.

**About the project:** The family child care program option offer to serve 52 children and families through partnerships with 20 family child care professionals – all independent contractors.

The Campagna Center has been delivering Head Start services for 49 years

- 11 years operating three different program options in Early Head Start
- Connecting family child care to star rating through Virginia QRIS
Our experience: Alabama

**The grantee:** Alabama Department of Human Resources

**About us:** Alabama DHR was created in 1935 to administer assistance programs to people in need. Its mission is to provide for the protection, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children and adults.

**About me:** My role is to implement quality enhancement services and the EHS-CCP family child care HUB programs statewide as the Director of Family Child Care Programs.

**About the project:** The family child care program option service 198 children through partnerships with 64 (+/-) family child care professionals – all independent contractors.

Alabama’s EHS-CCP includes:
- 8 program partners
- 17 classrooms and
- 60+ FCC programs
- Statewide total of 566 children.
Experiences in the Field

Making it happen

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What’s your experience?

- If you’ve never worked with family child care – why?
- How can we help?
- If you’re considering applying for the next round of funding for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships: What info do you need in order to include family child care?