Project: Purpose:

# The Early Head Start for Family Child Care Project Logic Model – National Level

The Early Head Start for Family Child Care Project (EHS for FCC) is funded to design, implement and evaluate a replicable framework that supports a partnership between Early Head Start and family child care. This project will increase quality for low-income children in family child care homes by leveraging comprehensive services that include health and social services.

### **Inputs**

(What is invested)

**Outputs Activities Participation** (What we do) (Who we reach)

### Time OHS

OCC ZTT

Mathematica Project stakeholders and consultants

## Staff

OHS OCC ZTT Mathematica

### Money

Contract with ZTT

Partner with stakeholders and consultants

Select ARRA-funded EHS grantees

Conduct outreach to state child care administrators and ACF regional staff

Develop and/or disseminate

-Training and technical assistance resources -EHS FCC option framework

Evaluate framework and share lessons learned

**OHS-OCC** staff

Head Start State Collaboration Office staff

State child care administrators

State Advisory Councils on Early Childhood Education and Care

ACF regional office staff

National American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Collaboration Office

National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Collaboration Office staff

Researchers

Representatives from national organizations Awareness of

Short Term

Need for developing successful partnership

Obstacles to partnerships between OHS and OCC

Knowledge of Intersections between the Head Start Program Performance Standards and state child care regulations (CCDF, licensing)

Skills, including Communication and leadership skills to provide direction to state and local stakeholders

Skills to identify policy issues (areas where policy guidance/development is needed)

Attitude to

Appreciate the role both OHS and OCC have in the early care and education of infants and toddlers

OHS and OCC share responsibility for implementing EHS FCC option

Motivation to

Ensure a successful partnership between OHS and OCC to leverage resources to support EHS fcc option Outcomes

Medium Term

Long Term

Behaviors Strategies exist for overcoming obstacles (including policies and guidance)

Acknowledgement of the shared responsibility for the relationship between OHS and OCC to promote a successful EHS FCC option

Practices OHS and OCC actively collaborate to promote a successful EHS FCC option

OHS and OCC support states/localities around the implementation of the EHS FCC option

**Policies** Head Start Program Performance Standards (for FCC option) and state child care regulations (CCDF, licensing) are aligned

A framework exists that enhances the EHS FCC option by creating a partnership between the Office of Head Start and the Office of Child Care

#### **Assumptions**

Some ARRA-funded EHS grantees are implementing the EHS FCC option; other grantees proposed plans for the EHS FCC option in their grant applications; a third group of grantees are considering the EHS FCC as an option but have not begun developing plans.

OHS and OCC will create a partnership through the implementation of the FCC option.

OHS and OCC will promote the implementation of the FCC option at the state level to support the development of a system for partnership between EHS grantees and FCC providers.

OHS and OCC will work with the ACF regional offices, Head Start State Collaboration Offices, and child care state administrators to establish systems for technical assistance for EHS grantees and FCC providers.

#### **External Factors**

EHS grantees interested in implementing the FCC option need access to training and technical assistance.

Center-based care is typically viewed as being of higher quality than FCC settings.

The proportion of children in FCC is higher for infants and toddlers and children in lower-income families than for other forms of care.

The Head Start Program Performance Standards do not always align with state policies on child care subsidies.