Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Plan need? Is the plan separate or incorporated into the narrative?**
   The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) does not provide direct guidance or instruction in the development of an applicant's project design or in writing their applications. Applicants should use their best judgment in determining whether they are able to meet the requirements contained in the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), whether they are able to develop an application they believe to be responsive to the FOA and in designing and writing their applications.

2. **What are the child care licensing requirements for agencies that are not currently providing child care services?**
   You are encouraged to review the National Database of Child Care Licensing Regulations by state visiting the Office of Child Care's homepage via the Administration for Children and Families website, https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing.

3. **If we relinquished our grant before our renewal, can we still apply?**
   Agencies that have relinquished their federal grant are eligible to apply.

4. **We do not have a site, are we still eligible to apply?**
   You are encouraged to review the grantee profiles and grantee inventories on the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center website. Please visit this website regularly as information continues to be uploaded regularly. Included in this information are facilities that may be available to a new organization, if awarded.

5. **If a request to waive the grant match is denied, can foundation funding be used?**
   Applicants are encouraged to visit Section 1303.4, Federal financial assistance, non-federal match, and waiver requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards for more information.

6. **If I don't currently serve Early Head Start, can I convert Head Start slots to Early Head Start slots? (minimum #?)**
   Organizations can apply to serve eligible early head start children and families in response to both the Head Start and/or Early Head Start, and the Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships grant competitions.

7. **Do the budget and budget narratives of sub awards count toward the 15 page budget and budget justification page limit?**
   Applicants are encouraged to review all of the formatting requirements noted in Section IV.2 Content and Form of Application Submission of the funding opportunity announcement.

8. **If we are a current Head Start grantee and want to look at adding EHS will this be the type of funding opportunity we need to complete?**
    Organizations can apply to serve eligible early head start children and families in response to both the Head Start and/or Early Head Start, and the Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships grant competitions.

9. **Will you describe the required mental health consultation service?**
    Applicants are encouraged to read and review the Head Start Program Performance Standards.

10. **Will you address the requirements for delegate agencies?**
    Applicants are encouraged to read and review the Head Start Program Performance Standards.

11. **We are realizing that the FOAs are very specific about what areas are eligible to apply (i.e., only specific counties within our State of PA). How is this determined?**
    The service area noted in each funding opportunity announcement represent the communities that are currently being served by the incumbent Head Start and/or Early Head Start grantee.