

## Status of State Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Initiative

- State ECCS initiative is in its implementation phase.
- State ECCS initiative is linked to other early childhood initiatives, or ECCS is included in a larger, overarching early childhood systems initiative.

## Systems Integration

- State has developed a financial scan or children's budget related to early childhood.
- State ECCS initiative is using a cross-systems focus (i.e., efforts to link systems and move toward greater systems integration are underway).
- The five ECCS core components receive equal emphasis (i.e., no one area such as early learning or child care health consultation dominates the initiative).

## Accountability and Evaluation

- State has set out cross-sector objectives and performance/outcome indicators for early childhood systems.
- State evaluation of ECCS and/or early childhood systems efforts is developed or underway.

## Governance Structures

- Senior state officials (such as governor, cabinet members) are involved in early childhood system development efforts.
- State has a formally constituted, cross-sector early childhood systems development group.
- A public-private entity has been formed to work on early childhood systems development (for example, a separately incorporated agency, with funding).
- State is supporting local early childhood systems development. (These efforts may or may not be associated with state-to-local funding.)

## Core Partners

Agencies and organizations in these sectors are identified as core partners in ECCS.

- Nonprofit organizations
- Business/private sector
- Related professional associations
- Universities
- Philanthropic organizations
- Community-based organizations
- Parent and family organizations
- Health providers and child development centers
- Advocacy organizations
- Tribal groups

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