Supporting Collaboration Through State/Tribal Child Care Policy

Discussion about Possible Lessons Learned from the IL Model

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Background – Why did it start in IL?

- Beginning of intentional collaborative programming in IL
  - Federal push – HS & CC
  - Welfare reform
  - Meetings with Directors about barriers
- Partners in Care & Education pilot
- Evolution statewide in 2003
A Little More Detail: The IL Program

- Policy Changes - review
- Administration of program
- The numbers/2007 Evaluation
- Other collaboration policies (payment & NFS)
Impacts & Ongoing Questions

- Program Practice – Continuity of Care
- Broadening – impacts on other policies
- Paradigm Shift for Child Care
- Policy Principles
- Ongoing questions

Why doesn’t it cost less money?
What about “double dipping?”
10 Years Later Our Vision Remains

System includes all 3
Working together
Valuing principles

Level 3: PreK (at risk)
Least Restrictive

Level 2: Child Care
(income/service)

Level 1: Head Start
(income/age)
Most Restrictive
Collaboration Web Site

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IL Future Work & Adjusting to Changes

- Evaluation
- Policy broadening & alignment
- Feedback to ACF about Federal Policy
- Shrinking resources - NFS
- More interest in Collaboration: Child Care Advisory and Early Learning Councils
- Head Start Designation Renewal System
OK Child Care – Collaborative Initiatives
OK: Tribal Child Care Collaboration
Discussion: Local & State Level OK Application

- What is happening with local level collaboration in OK?

- Ideas for expansion and/or improvement?