

APPENDIX A

Research Question Matrix

The Relationship Between Study Research Questions, Interview Questions, and Data Sources

RESEARCH QUESTIONS/Topics	DATA SOURCES								
	CD	HC	PIC	MH	NC	BM	PAR	RR	MO
1A. What are the current procedures used by Head Start grantees to provide/obtain:									
a. medical/dental health screenings:									
Who is responsible for scheduling screenings?	✓	✓		✓					
What screenings are completed?		✓		✓				✓	
When are screenings completed?								✓	
Who conducts the screenings?		✓		✓					
How are parents informed of the results of the screenings?		✓	✓				✓		
b. immunization records and immunizations:									
What immunizations have 4-year-old children completed?		✓					✓	✓	
What is the process for determining whether additional immunizations should be administered to a 4-year-old child?		✓						✓	
How is information about immunizations received prior to enrollment in Head Start obtained and recorded?		✓					✓	✓	
How does Head Start involve parents in the process of ensuring that their children are up-to-date in immunizations?		✓					✓		
What parent education about immunization is provided?		✓	✓				✓		

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c. referrals										
What referrals are provided to parents by Head Start staff?		✓		✓			✓	✓		
Is there a formal referral process for medical, dental, or mental health treatment?		✓		✓						
Who are the Head Start staff involved in referrals for medical, dental, or mental health treatment?	✓	✓		✓						
Do parents seek referrals for medical, dental, or mental health treatment for their children?							✓			
d. treatment										
How are parents informed of treatment needs indicated by screenings completed through Head Start?	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
What kinds of medical, dental, or mental health treatments are most often needed for Head Start children?		✓		✓			✓	✓		
How are treatments for Head Start children arranged?		✓		✓			✓			
How are parents involved in the delivery of health services needed for Head Start children?	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
How does Head Start manage follow-up to ensure that indicated health treatment is received?	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		
What health service provider networks are used by Head Start and parents to obtain necessary health services?		✓		✓	✓		✓			
What payment arrangements are used to provide needed health treatments?		✓					✓			
What barriers face programs and parents in obtaining needed treatments for children?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			

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1B. How are health services documented?									
What health records are maintained by Head Start?	✓	✓						✓	
What documentation of health screenings is maintained in the individual health records?		✓						✓	
How aware are parents about the health screenings completed on their children?							✓		
What documentation of medical, dental, or mental health treatments is maintained in the individual health records?	✓	✓		✓				✓	
How are parents involved in the documentation of needed treatments?	✓	✓		✓			✓		

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