

**PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT BIRTH-5  
INITIAL GRANT FINAL REPORT  
Project Officer Checklist**

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**State: Ohio**

**Grantee/Lead Entity: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services**

**Grant Number: 90TP0031-01-00**

**Reporting Period: December 31, 2018 – December 31, 2020**

**Date of Submission: December 20, 2020**

**Federal Project Officer: Judy Willgren**

Final Report Question	Yes/No	NOTES
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b> Did the Grantee provide an executive summary or overview describing each of the strategies completed for each of the five Activities? This should have included key highlights and major accomplishments, challenges and lessons learned. (This may have been provided in bullet or narrative form)	Yes	
<b>Utilization of Grant Funds</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Grantee states that Grant funds were not allocated for Activities 1-5 or in the development of the PPEP (page 3). May be a misunderstanding of the question.</li><li>• The Grantee states, at this point in time, since the funds have not been liquidated they cannot describe the amount of funds that are to be returned.</li></ul>
• Did the Grantee describe how grant funds were allocated for each of the Activities 1 – 5 and in the development of their PPEP?	No	
• Did the Grantee address how non-federal match funds were used?	Yes	
• Whether or not they received a Renewal Grant Award, did the Grantee indicate if any activities will continue without federal funding?	Yes	
• Did the Grantee describe what amount of funds were returned unspent and why? <b>Please indicate the amount of funds returned in the Notes section.</b>	No	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe what difference the grant made to the state and what would not have occurred had this funding not been available?</li> </ul>	Yes															
<b>Development and Implementation of the Comprehensive, Statewide, B-5 Strategic Plan</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Grantee only indicated the Early Childhood Advisory Council had input into the Strategic Plan. No additional information.</li> </ul>														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee identify what they learned during the development of their needs assessment?</li> </ul>	Yes															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe how the results of the comprehensive, statewide, B-5 needs assessment is reflected in their comprehensive, statewide, B-5 strategic plan?</li> </ul>	Yes															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe or identify other factors that influenced the development of their strategic plan (data, stakeholder input, parent engagement, legislation, etc.)?</li> </ul>	Yes															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe what parties will be involved in oversight of the strategic plan and what roles those parties play?</li> </ul>	Yes															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>New and Existing Partnerships</b> Did the Grantee identify and describe any existing, expanded or new partnerships among the following (using the chart below) or provided this information in another format or narrative? (<b>Check all that apply. Press shift p for each appropriate cell</b>) If a Grantee only provides a list of agencies and not programs, include those in the Notes section.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Program</th> <th>Existing</th> <th>Expanded</th> <th>New</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Child Care Development Fund</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td rowspan="2"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Grantee indicates no existing partnerships with Head Start, however does have a relationship with the Head Start Association?</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>           State Child Care Licensing           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center-based</li> <li>Family Child Care</li> <li>Family, Friend and Neighbor,</li> </ul> </td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Program	Existing	Expanded	New	Notes	Child Care Development Fund	✓			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Grantee indicates no existing partnerships with Head Start, however does have a relationship with the Head Start Association?</li> </ul>	State Child Care Licensing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center-based</li> <li>Family Child Care</li> <li>Family, Friend and Neighbor,</li> </ul>	✓		
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• Kith and Kin				
• Head Start • Early Head Start • EHS – Child Care Partnerships				
Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)	✓			
State Home Visiting Programs	✓			
IDEA Part C	✓			
IDEA Part B 619	✓			
State Preschool	✓			
Title 1 ESEA	✓			
Healthy Start	✓			
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CAFCP)			✓ these programs will begin using the States Student Identifier (SSID) to better align services and help families	
Tribal Organizations/ Tribes		✓ Ohio does not have any		

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		tribal organizations/ Tribes		
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infant, Children			✓ The State is working to expand WIC by including them in our screening tool and giving their children SSID's.	
Mental Health Block Grant	✓			
Mental Health/Behavioral Health Services	✓			
Housing Authority		✓		
Homelessness	✓ Homelessness is included in a variety of services provided across departments.			
Refugee Organizations		✓		
Associations		X - Ohio has a strong relationship with multiple associations		

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		including but not limited to Earl Childhood Advisory Council, Ohio Job and Family Services Director's Association, and Head Start		
Private Entities/Charter Schools	✓			
Faith-Based Entities		✓		
Other :				
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<b>Child Care and Development Block Grant (Section 13)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, from the CCDBG Section 13, did the Grantee describe efforts to identify duplication of services or funding for any sections of the PDG mixed delivery system?</li> </ul>			NA	
<b>Blending and Braiding of Funding</b>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any efforts that were successful in blending and braiding any other public and private funding sources in building and administering their mixed delivery system of services?</li> </ul>	<b>No</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In answering the use of blending and braiding funds, the Grantee indicated it used matching funds as required by the grant.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any efforts that were unsuccessful in blending and braiding any other public and private funding sources in building and administering their mixed delivery system of services?</li> </ul>	<b>No</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe as well challenges faced and lessons learned?</li> </ul>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Sharing Information with Families</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any existing efforts or initiatives that were in place, prior to the implementation of the initial grant that would help parents make wiser early childhood choices?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any improvements made in this area because of funding from this initial grant?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Improvement in Parent Involvement and Engagement</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It appears that the Grantee misunderstood the question. The Grantee's response below:   "Prior to the grant families had to go to each department to determine if they were eligible for early child care services. This meant many families did not apply for benefits that they may have been eligible for. Through the grant, Ohio was able to create a single screening tool that allows families to determine which early childhood services they may be eligible for, across state agencies"</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any existing efforts or initiatives that were in place prior to the implementation of the initial grant, that describe any efforts to increase meaningful parent/family involvement and engagement related to planning, decision-making, implementation of activities, etc.?</li> </ul>	<b>No</b>	

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<b>Innovative Practices and New Procedures</b>		
• Did the Grantee describe any innovative practices and/or new procedures that have come about as a result of your PDG B-5 funding?	<b>Yes</b>	
• Did the Grantee describe who will be impacted by these innovative practices?	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Policy and/or Legislative Change</b>		
• Did the Grantee describe or list any new policies or legislation that has come about as a result of the PDG B-5 funding?	<b>Yes</b>	
• Did the Grantee list any efforts made to improve the access to and quality of early childhood care and education programs as a result of PDG B-5 grant (standards, data, professional development, single eligibility, etc.)?	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Sustainability</b>		
• Did the Grantee describe the state's efforts to sustain the required Activities beyond the grant period?	<b>Yes</b>	
• Did the Grantee describe any infrastructure, policy, governance and/or funding put in place to sustain the strategies and activities going forward?	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Governance and Oversight</b>		
• Did the Grantee describe how the state plans to maintain a system of governance and oversight for the continued support and implementation of its early childhood mixed delivery system?	<b>Yes</b>	

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<b>Unduplicated Number of Children</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any efforts that were made by the state (whether successful or unsuccessful) to measure the unduplicated number of children being served in each of the existing programs and/or awaiting services in each of these programs?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an unduplicated count was not achieved, did the Grantee describe their next steps toward achieving this goal?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Technical Assistance</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether or not the Grantee received a Renewal Grant, did the Grantee describe any technical assistance supports that would have helped them in moving forward? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Ohio would like technical assistance and best practices on how other states are streamlining eligibility across early childhood programs. We are currently working to integrate Child Care into our SNAP, TANF and Medicaid system with the hope we will continue to build on integrated services. Additionally, we would be interested in how other states found successful ways to leverage case managers across programs to create capacity and serve the whole family.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Dissemination</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee provide a list and/or brief description of any presentations, journal articles, publications, or other resources that</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	



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resulted from this initiative, and were disseminated and made available to their stakeholders?		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee include any recommendations to HHS and ED? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Communication could have been more precise and timely, especially in the beginning around the needs assessments and strategic plans. It often felt that we were not given proper guidance and then had to pivot. Moreover, the communication on what other States were doing was not easily obtainable. It would have been nice to understand how other States were spending their money.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee identify any specific issues that were critical and were identified as a priority? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Ohio will focus on determining a unique child count.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee recommend any specific policy changes at the federal level that would assist in addressing the barriers and challenges faced by the state? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>The grant should have been 1+ years. The time we were given to complete the projects was not doable (we were lucky to get an extension due to COVID but it was only for projects that were already in process).</p>	<b>Yes</b>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe any ways in which we can help them sustain the changes that they made during the course of PDG B-5 project? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Continue to provide TA and create contacts with other States.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee suggest any guidance we could provide to all states that could help facilitate the successes in their work? <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Be nimble and prepared to change when needed. In our case some of the projects we had planned turned out to not be as expensive as we anticipated, we had to adjust and figure out how to make them work.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Future Focus</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Grantee describe what needs to be done next to further the B-5 work in their state?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Other Comments</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grantees were asked to provide any additional feedback they wished to provide. <b>Include here (may cut and paste):</b></li> </ul> <p>Although we encountered contracting delays, and some confusion early on regarding the needs assessment and strategic plans, we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity and the work we were able to accomplish including moving all of our providers into participation with our tiered quality rating system and in the area of streamlining services.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	

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<b>Signatures and Acknowledgement</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This Final Report is expected to include the name, title, and agency/office/department of each key leadership person that composes the state PDG B-5 mixed delivery team. Other stakeholders can be included, as deemed appropriate by the Grantee. Did the Grantee include this essential list of signatures?</li></ul>	<b>Yes</b>	

With acceptance of this Final PDG B-5 Report all program requirements have been met and OGM can close the grant.

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PDG B-5 Project Manager Signature and Date