

**Head Start and/or Early Head Start Grantee – Duval County, including the City of  
Jacksonville, Florida  
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The following questions have been received as of August 15, 2013. The answers have been provided by the Office of Head Start.

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**Question:** To be clear, increasing EHS slots will reduce the number of children served in a community by the current grantee. For those communities with very few EHS slots existing, this could mean potentially reducing HS slots quite significantly. Does OHS have any guidance as to which is the more preferable situation: serving more children, or passing more children through the 0-5 model?

**Response:** The Office of Head Start understands that the costs to serve infants and toddlers is higher than that of preschoolers. That said, applicants should use their best judgment in determining whether they are able to meet the requirements contained in the FOA, whether they are able to develop an application they believe to be responsive to the FOA and in designing and writing their applications. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by objective review panels using the criteria described in Section V.1 of the FOA. The review panels will use the FOA as their principal guidance available to them in the same way that it is the principal guidance for applicants.

**Question:** During what time period does the grant year run? 7/1-6/14? If so, will awardees with existing HS/EHS grants be able to anticipate the new award being merged with the existing grant?

**Response:** Yes, OHS anticipates grants made as a result of the competitive process will be issued by July 1, 2014. If awards are made to current grantees they will not be merged with the existing grants.

**Question:** Will OHS be posting the current services and program assets for Jacksonville on the ACF website? The site states that assets and program information are to be posted concurrently with the announcement.

**Response:** Please click on the link below to access the current grantee profile and inventory. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/funding?sa=30669>

**Question:** When receiving the award on 7/1/2014, new awardees may find that the former grantee has already enrolled new families into the program prior to the school year. What would the obligation of the new grantee be to the commitments to families made by the former grantee? This is especially in reference to the probability that there may be fewer HS slots available.

**Response:** Program enrollment and program operations for the upcoming school year will be discussed during the negotiation period that is conducted with the federal regional office.