

**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
HIGH PRIORITY PERFORMANCE GOALS**

Resources and Performance
(dollars in millions)

	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2011 Annualized CR	FY 2012 Request
Head Start	\$7,234	\$7,235	\$8,100
Child Care	5,044	5,044	6,344
Total	\$12,278	\$12,279	\$14,444

Head Start

Performance Measure	FY 2009 Result	FY 2010 Result	FY 2011 Target	FY 2012 Target
Increase the number of children enrolled in Head Start.	n/a	12,390	13,000	N/A
Develop criteria for determining whether Head Start and Early Head Start grantees are failing to operate a high quality and comprehensive program. Will propose rigorous indicators for identifying underperforming programs, including evidence-based assessments of program quality, and will adopt regulations establishing the criteria and the process for reviewing grantees to determine whether they meet the criteria for an underperforming program.	n/a	Notice of proposed rule making published (9/22/10)	Final rule to be published	Make determination decisions on first cohort of grantees reviewed under the Designation Renewal System and begin recompeting grants
Implement an improved Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) System that includes a focus on early childhood specialists and provides information to Head Start programs on evidence-based teaching and learning practices, professional development, child health, and other early childhood development and program management topics.	n/a	Awarded funds to 4 National T/TA Centers (see: http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Head%20Start%20Program/roadmap/HHS_Announces_National_Centers.pdf)	Conduct at least 6 trainings and planning mtgs with National Centers; Convene at least 4 training mtgs with state ed specialists	Conduct at least 4 training and planning mtgs with National Centers; Convene at least 4 mtgs with state ed specialists

Early Head Start

Performance Measure¹	FY 2009 Result	FY 2010 Result	FY 2011 Target	FY 2012 Target
Increase the number of children enrolled in Early Head Start.	n/a	42,730	48,000	N/A

¹ The performance measures related to Quality under Head Start are also applicable to Early Head Start.

Child Care

Performance Measure	FY 2009 Result	FY 2010 Result	FY 2011 Target	FY 2012 Target
Increase the average monthly number of children served through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).	Not Yet Available	Maintain 100,000 children and serve an additional 10,000 children (Result Not Yet Available)	Maintain 200,000 children and serve an additional 90,000 children ²	Maintain 100,000 children and serve an additional 120,000 children ³
Expand the number of states with Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) that meet high quality benchmarks for Child Care and other early childhood programs developed by HHS in coordination with the Department of Education.	n/a	Convened meeting of over 50 subject matter experts to inform the development of high quality benchmarks within the framework of QRIS.	Provide continuing TA services to at least 20 states/territories and intensive TA services in an additional 10 states/territories; provide public access to online systems building and planning tools.	Increase the number of states/territories meeting benchmarks of a high quality QRIS; specific targets will be established in FY 2011, once baseline data is available.

ACF has made significant progress on the achievement of both Priority Goals related to Early Childhood Education. As shown in the tables above, ACF is on track to achieve Goal 36, Access to Early Care and Education Programs for Low-Income Children, and related milestones. More specifically:

- Head Start: As of December 30, 2010, a total of 58,302 total additional Head Start and Early Head Start children were served as a result of Recovery Act funds. The Early Head Start total was 45,435, and the Head Start total was 12,867. ACF is confident we will achieve the overall goal of enrolling the full 61,000 additional slots created under the Recovery Act because the Office of Head Start (OHS) has already funded this number of slots in FY 2011. Part of the shortfall to date may be attributed to the difficulties faced by Recovery Act expansion grantees to enroll and serve children on the originally projected timeline. These difficulties include delays in licensing or in renovating facilities, or problems securing alternate space when facilities fall through. Some grantees encountered difficulties in switching to a home-based option on an interim basis until the proposed center-based program is fully operational. OHS is working extensively with these grantees to provide technical assistance to get on track.
- Child Care: Data on the number of children served by the CCDF program is available on an annual basis only. Therefore, there is no quarterly data to share at this time. The \$2 billion in child care funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) is allowing states to maintain services to thousands of families who would not otherwise have been served. We expect these services to be reflected in the data once it is available. Furthermore, quarterly data reported by states on the CCDF expenditure reports (ACF-696) and the government-wide 1512 reports confirm state progress. Based on information from the expenditure reports, through September 30, 2010, states had spent enough Recovery Act child care funds on direct services to support child care services for an estimated 252,000 children.

² The FY 2011 target for this measure is dependent on the FY 2011 President's Budget request funding level.

³ The FY 2012 target for this measure is dependent on the FY 2012 President's Budget request funding level.

Regarding Goal 37, Quality in Early Care and Education Programs for Low-Income Children, ACF is also on track to achieve this goal and the related milestones:

- Head Start: On September 21, 2010, ACF published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on a system of designation renewal that would sets forth a process to determine whether Head Start and Early Head Start agencies are delivering high-quality and comprehensive programs, based on data from triennial program reviews, monitoring, and a validated and reliable measure of instructional quality. The proposed rule requires that the lowest performing 25 percent of grantees be required to compete with other eligible local applicants, ensuring that the provider best qualified to provide high quality services is the Head Start and/or Early Head Start grantee in that community.

- Also on September 21, 2010, ACF announced the awarding of funds for four National Training and Technical Assistance Centers (per cooperative agreement). For additional detail, see: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Head%20Start%20Program/roadmap/> All four center announcements can be found at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/office/ohs>. These four centers are as follows:
 - The National Center on Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-OHS-HC-0090>
 - The National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-OHS-HC-0087>
 - The National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-OHS-HC-0088>
 - The National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-OHS-HC-0089>

- Child Care: With respect to the Child Care quality initiatives, on-line access is now available to a Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) Resource Guide at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/qrিসresourceguide> and to an interactive Cost Estimation Model at <http://qrিসcostmodel.nccic.acf.hhs.gov>. In addition, a link to a compendium of research through the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, as well as other QRIS research and resources is available at http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/poptopics/qrিস_resources.html.

From July through September (2010), progress on quality initiatives included three webinars with State Administrators and national organizations to gather and share information on developing benchmarks in the framework of QRIS. These webinars, in conjunction with information from the national meeting held in June, formed the basis for work that is now underway in the Office of Child Care to develop the high quality benchmarks. This work is being coordinated with a proposed revision to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan and new Quality Performance Report that includes data collection on quality measures, and was released for public comment in September.

More information about ACF's Priority Goals can be found at: <http://performance.gov>.