



# **Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation: Office of Head Start**

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# Head Start Funding

- Congress appropriated just over \$7 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start.
- The FY 2011 request is \$8.2 billion
- Head Start grantees were awarded approximately \$6.3 billion
- Early Head Start grantees were awarded approximately \$700 million



# Head Start Children

- Nearly 1,000,000 children enrolled, birth-5
  - 30% speak a language other than English at home
  - 49,000 classrooms in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 8 territories
  - 77% of classroom teachers have at least an AA
- Services for more than:
  - 120,800 children with disabilities
  - 44,000 children in home-based care
  - 42,500 children of American Indian-Alaska Native heritage
  - 34,000 children of migrant and seasonal workers



# Head Start Grantees

- Grants were provided to 1600 local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies
- Majority of grantees are Community Action Agencies or other non-profit entities
- Grantees range from small non-profit agencies to a “super grantees”
- The average grantee serves 300 children and operates in 4 centers.



# Head Start Today

- 2010 saw a historic expansion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
  - 16,000 new children in Head Start
  - 50,000 more children and families in Early Head Start
  - President's proposed 2011 budget sustains ARRA funding



# Roadmap to Excellence

## Performance Standards

- OHS held listening sessions to solicit feedback on HS program performance standards
- Once proposed standards are released, there will be a 90-day public comment period



# Redesign of Training and Technical Assistance System

- 6 National Centers
- State, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) Centers
- Local programs
- Centers of Excellence
- Mentor Coaching Initiative



# Proposed Regulation on Designation Renewal

- 90 Day Public Comment Period (Closed 12/21/10)
- 25 percent of all grantees reviewed during each one-year monitoring cycle will be required to re-compete
- 7 specific performance conditions that would automatically force a grantee to re-compete their grant
- If during a one-year review, the minimum 25 percent threshold is not reached, additional qualifications to identify low-performing



# Family Engagement

- Launched the National Initiative on Engaging Parents in Children's Learning
- OHS is also in the process of revising the family and community partnership performance standards



# Child Outcomes Framework

- *The Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework*, formerly called the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework.
- Revised Framework reflects Act, new research, and HS core principles