



Child Care and Early Education Technical Assistance

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Materials and Support Available to States

CLASP's Child Care and Early Education team regularly works with policymakers, advocates, and other key early childhood stakeholders, to plan, develop, and strengthen child care and early education policy at the state level. CLASP can provide technical assistance in a number of ways, from our offices in Washington, DC, or in your state. For example, CLASP can:

- Assist states in responding effectively to federal policy developments and opportunities, such as implementing plans developed for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge, and the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program,
- Help identify and analyze state-specific data for needs assessments and reporting purposes,
- Provide research and information around policy and program options and models based on best practices nationally,
- Support state stakeholders in using research and data effectively,
- Translate federal rules and regulations,
- Serve as a technical resource on federal and state policy implementation, and
- Support state stakeholders in a variety of other ways.

CLASP's Child Care and Early Education team is experienced at working with diverse stakeholder groups, speaking at meetings and conferences, facilitating planning and advisory groups, and providing written analysis to inform state policy and program development and federal policy implementation.

CLASP's Child Care and Early Education Areas of Expertise

- Federal and state child care and early education policies
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Head Start/EHS Program Information Report data
- Child care spending and participation data
- Child care subsidy policies
- Early childhood systems development
- Quality Rating and Improvement Systems
- Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
- Financing early childhood systems
- Home visiting
- Children of immigrants
- Cultural competency
- Title I preschool
- Young English language learners
- Infant/toddler child care policies

Contact Hannah Matthews at 202-906-8006 or hmatthews@clasp.org to arrange a technical assistance consultation for your state or organization.

CLASP's Child Care and Early Education On-Line Tools/Resources

All tools and resources, as well as additional publications, are available at www.clasp.org/childcare.

- [A Tool Using Data to Inform a State Early Childhood Agenda](#) – January 2012: This tool includes a series of key questions to understand the context and conditions of young children, birth to six, in the state, encompassing data on demographics and program/service participation, as well as the details of child care and early education settings in the state. Users can download and save a copy of this tool, then fill in their state's data.
- [Early Learning Challenge: Resources for States Implementing Early Learning Challenge Plans](#) – Whether your state was one of the nine to receive federal resources, or has decided to move forward with elements of your state RTT proposal independently, the resources on this page may be useful in taking action to implement plans.
- [Building Comprehensive State Systems for Vulnerable Babies](#) – January 2011: Every state has the pieces of a comprehensive early childhood system in place. This tool will help state leaders locate and build them into a system that meets the needs of children and families.
- [A Tool to Examine State Child Care Subsidy Policies and Promote Stable, Quality Care for Low-Income Babies and Toddlers](#) – November 2009: This tool, part of CLASP's Charting Progress for Babies in Child Care project, is designed to provide a policy framework that lays out child care subsidy policies that can be implemented to better support babies and toddlers and their families. Users can download and save a copy of this tool, then fill in the appropriate columns with their state's current policies and opportunities for change.
- [CLASP DataFinder](#): CLASP [DataFinder](#) is a custom, easy-to-use tool developed to provide select demographic information as well as administrative data on programs that affect low-income people and families. Users can create and download custom tables that present a national picture, a state picture or a comparative look at states and communities.
- [State-by-state child care and Head Start fact sheets](#): CLASP's Child Care Assistance State Profiles present spending through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds used for child care, as well as information on children and families participating in CCDBG. Head Start by the Numbers present Head Start PIR data for all Head Start programs in the state ..
- [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Guidance from HHS](#): On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* which included \$1.5 billion in mandatory funding over 5 years for high quality, evidence-based, voluntary early childhood home visitation services. This page compiles information on the legislation, federal guidance for states and tribes, and quick links to additional resources states can use in developing their MIECHV responses.