

Needs Assessment Outline

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Introduction

- OKFutures overview
- Project goals
- Partners involved
- Needs assessment overview
- Summary of data and methods
- Outline of the report
- Key findings

Definitions of Terms

- Quality early childhood care and education
- Early childhood education and care availability
- Vulnerable or underserved children
- Children in rural areas
- Definition or description of ECCE system as a whole
- Considerations:
 - Differences from past definitions
 - Challenges in using these definitions

Focal Populations for the Grant: Oklahoma's Children Birth to Five

- Statewide population and demographics on children birth to five
- Additional description of children who are vulnerable, underserved, or in rural areas
 - Characteristics in terms of race/ethnicity, recency of immigration, language spoken at home, poverty and low-income status, disability status, concentration in certain cities or town and/or neighborhoods
 - Strengths and the weaknesses of the data available on this population
 - Initiatives under way to improve these data

Assessing Need in Early Childhood Care and Education

- Description of nine ECCE programs and related supports: Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, Head Start/Early Head Start, Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships, Oklahoma child care, tribal child care, state-administered home visiting, tribal home visiting, IDEA Parts B and C, and Child Guidance
- Capacity of ECCE programs
 - Estimates of unduplicated number of children being served: available data, data gaps, limitations and challenges in estimating
 - Overall
 - By region
 - By ages served
 - Among vulnerable or underserved children
 - Among children in rural areas
 - Estimates of unduplicated count of children awaiting service: available data, data gaps, limitations and challenges in estimating
 - Overall
 - By region
 - By ages served
 - Among vulnerable or underserved children
 - Among children in rural areas
- Quality and availability
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Affordability
- Existing workforce
- Facilities: concerns and issues [external partner]
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Interagency collaboration within ECCE
- Transitions and alignment between ECCE and K-12 education
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Gaps in data or research
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
 - Strengths and weaknesses of available data
 - Initiatives under way to improve data

Assessing Need in Health

- Description of health programs and related supports
- Capacity of health programs
- Quality and availability
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Affordability
- Gaps in data or research

- Strengths and weaknesses of available data
- Initiatives under way to improve data

Assessing Need in Family Support Services

- Description of family support programs: child welfare, parenting/child development, income and nutritional support, paid leave policies, transportation
- Capacity of family support services
- Quality and availability
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Affordability
- Gaps in data or research
 - Strengths and weaknesses of available data
 - Initiatives under way to improve data

Toward An Effective Early Childhood Mixed Delivery System

- Highlight of key relationships among ECCE, health, and family supports
- System integration and interagency collaboration
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Cost analysis [RAND]
- Budget and policy analysis [OK Policy Institute]
- Barriers to the funding and provision of high-quality ECCE, health, and family supports and opportunities for resource efficiencies
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*

Priorities for the OKFutures Strategic Plan

- Summary of key findings
- Measurable indicators of progress that align with Oklahoma's vision and desired outcomes
 - *Select one or more issues or areas from ACF guidance*
- Rationale and priorities for strategic plan

Appendices

- Detailed data and methods