Status of State Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Initiative

☐ State ECCS initiative is in its implementation phase.
✔ State ECCS initiative is linked to other early childhood initiatives, or ECCS is included in a larger, overarching early childhood systems initiative.

Systems Integration

✔ State has developed a financial scan or children’s budget related to early childhood.
✔ State ECCS initiative is using a cross-systems focus (i.e., efforts to link systems and move toward greater systems integration are underway).

NA The five ECCS core components receive equal emphasis (i.e., no one area such as early learning or child care health consultation dominates the initiative).

Accountability and Evaluation

✔ State has set out cross-sector objectives and performance/outcome indicators for early childhood systems.
✔ State evaluation of ECCS and/or early childhood systems efforts is developed or underway.

Governance Structures

☐ Senior state officials (such as governor, cabinet members) are involved in early childhood system development efforts.
☐ State has a formally constituted, cross-sector early childhood systems development group.
☐ A public-private entity has been formed to work on early childhood systems development (for example, a separately incorporated agency, with funding).
✔ State is supporting local early childhood systems development. (These efforts may or may not be associated with state-to-local funding.)

Core Partners

Agencies and organizations in these sectors are identified as core partners in ECCS.

✔ Nonprofit organizations
✔ Business/private sector
☐ Related professional associations
☐ Universities
☐ Philanthropic organizations
✔ Community-based organizations
☐ Parent and family organizations
☐ Health providers and child development centers
☐ Advocacy organizations
☐ Tribal groups

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