



## 2016 National Farm to School Network Annual Meeting

# Early Care and Education Key State Agency Contacts

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## D. Governance for Specific Federal and State Programs

The following table identifies the entity or entities tasked with oversight and authority of important early childhood programs. Note that each of these programs has separate rules, regulations and reporting requirements.<sup>48</sup> Where the state education agency has oversight cells are highlighted in blue; where oversight includes the SEA, cells are highlighted in orange. States that place oversight authority for child care and prekindergarten in the same entity are highlighted in green.

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Alabama	Dep't of Human Resources	Dep't of Children's Affairs	Dep't of Children's Affairs (Office of School Readiness)	Admin. for Children and Families	Dep't of Rehabilitation Services	Did not apply
Alaska	Dep't of Health & Social Services	Dep't of Educ. & Early Development	Dep't of Educ. & Early Development	Dep't of Health & Social Services	Dep't of Health & Social Services	Did not apply
Arizona	Dep't of Economic Security	Dep't of Educ.	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health Services	Dep't of Economic Security	First Things First
Arkansas	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services, in partnership with Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services
California	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Public Health	Dep't of Developmental Services	Dep't of Educ.
Colorado	Dep't of Human Services	Office of the Governor	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Public Health & Environment	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services
Connecticut	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Public Health	Dep't of Developmental Services	Dep't of Educ.

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<sup>48</sup> See *Building an Early Learning System: The ABCs of Planning and Governance Structures*, BUILD, Dec. 2004.

<sup>49</sup> See *CCDF Grantee State and Territory Contacts*, U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Services (Admin. for Children & Families), Office of Childcare, <http://acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/ccdf-grantee-state-and-territory-contacts> (accessed Nov. 6, 2012). In some states administration of CCDF is broken up among multiple agencies, with different agencies responsible for different aspects of the program.

<sup>50</sup> See *Head Start Collaboration Offices Directory*, U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Services (Administration for Children & Families), Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center, [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/states/collaboration/HSSCO/state\\_collaboration.html](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/states/collaboration/HSSCO/state_collaboration.html) (accessed Nov. 6, 2012); *Michigan Executive Order 2011-8*, *supra* note 30.

<sup>51</sup> See *The State of Preschool 2011: State Preschool Yearbook*, National Institute for Early Education Research, 2011.

<sup>52</sup> See *Active Grants for Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program*, Health Resource and Service Administration, [http://ersrs.hrsa.gov/ReportServer?/HGDW\\_Reports/FindGrants/GRANT\\_FIND&ACTIVITY=X02&rs:Format=HTML3.2](http://ersrs.hrsa.gov/ReportServer?/HGDW_Reports/FindGrants/GRANT_FIND&ACTIVITY=X02&rs:Format=HTML3.2) (accessed Nov. 6, 2012).

<sup>53</sup> See *State Part C Coordinators*, National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, <http://www.nectac.org/contact/ptccoord.asp> (accessed Nov. 6, 2012).

<sup>54</sup> The state agencies identified as governing the RTTT-ELC program are those agencies identified as the "lead agency" by each state in their applications except in the case of the grantee states, where updated information is provided. See *Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, Scores and Comments*, United States Department of Education, <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/awards.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2012).

<sup>55</sup> U.S.C. 612(a)(11) ("State Educational Agency Responsible for General Supervision").

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Delaware	Dep't Health & Social Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Executive Office of the Governor	Dep't of Health & Social Services	Executive Office of the Governor/ Office of Early Learning
District of Columbia	Office of State Superintendent of Educ.	Office of State Superintendent of Educ.	Office of State Superintendent of Educ.	Government of District of Columbia	Office of State Superintendent of Educ.	Office of State Superintendent of Educ.
Florida	Office of Early Learning (formerly Agency for Workforce Innovation)	Office of Early Learning	Office of Early Learning, in collaboration with Dep't of Educ. and Dep't of Children and Families	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Office of Early Learning
Georgia	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Early Care & Learning (DECAL)	DECAL	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget	Dep't of Public Health (Office of Children & Youth with Special Needs)	DECAL
Hawaii	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Human Services
Idaho	Dep't of Health & Welfare	Dep't of Health & Welfare	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health & Welfare	Dep't of Health & Welfare	Did not apply
Illinois	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	State Bd. of Educ.	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	State Bd. of Educ.
Indiana	Family & Social Services Admin.	Family & Social Services Admin.	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Family & Social Services Admin. (First Steps)	Did not apply
Iowa	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Public Health	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.
Kansas	Dep't of Social & Rehabilitation Services	Dep't of Social & Rehabilitation Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Environment	Dep't of Health & Environment	Dep't of Educ.
Kentucky	Dep't for Community Based Services	Governor's Office (Office of Early Childhood)	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't for Public Health (Cabinet for Health & Family Services)	Dep't for Public Health (Cabinet for Health & Family Services)	Governor's Office (Office of Early Childhood)
Louisiana	Dep't of Children & Family Services	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Hospitals	Dep't of Health & Hospitals (Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities)	Did not apply

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Maine	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.
Maryland	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Mental Hygiene	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.
Massachusetts	Dep't of Early Educ. & Care	Dep't of Early Educ. & Care	Dep't of Early Educ. and Care	Dep't of Public Health	Dep't of Public Health	Dep't of Early Educ. & Care
Michigan	Office of Great Start, Dep't of Educ.	Office of Great Start, Dep't. of Educ.	Office of Great Start, Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Community Health	Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, Dep't of Educ.	Office of Great Start, Dep't of Educ.
Minnesota	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.
Mississippi	Dep't of Human Services	Office of the Governor	No state-funded program <sup>56</sup>	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Health (Office of Child & Adolescent Health)	Dep't of Human Services
Missouri	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Elementary & Secondary Educ.	Dep't of Elementary & Secondary Educ.	Dep't of Health & Senior Services	Dep't of Elementary & Secondary Educ.	Dep't of Elementary & Secondary Educ.
Montana	Dep't of Public Health & Human Services	Dep't of Public Health & Human Services	No state-funded program	Dep't of Public Health & Human Services	Dep't of Public Health & Human Services	Did not apply
Nebraska	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services and Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Human Services
Nevada	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services and Head Start Collaboration & Early Childhood Systems Office
New Hampshire	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Did not apply

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<sup>56</sup> On April 2, the legislature voted to fund a state pre-k program, ending Mississippi's status as the only state in the south that does not fund a state pre-k program (Senate Bill No. 2395). The governor signed the bill on April 18, 2013 (<<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2013/pdf/history/SB/SB2395.xml>>).

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New Jersey	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Senior Services	Dep't of Health & Senior Services	Dep't of Educ.
New Mexico	Dep't of Children, Youth & Families	Dep't of Children, Youth, & Families	Public Educ. Dep't	Dep't of Children, Youth, & Families	Dep't of Health	Public Educ. Dep't
New York	Office of Children and Family Services	Council on Children & Families	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Office of Children and Family Services
North Carolina	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Public Instruction (Office of Early Learning)	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Early Childhood Advisory, Office of the Governor
North Dakota	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Human Services	Did not apply
Ohio	Dep't of Job & Family Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Educ.
Oklahoma	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Commerce	Dep't of Educ.	Health Dep't	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.
Oregon	Dep't of Employment	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Human Services/ Oregon Health Authority	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Human Services
Pennsylvania	Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), under Dep'ts of Educ. and Public Welfare	OCDEL, Dep't of Public Welfare	OCDEL, Dep't of Educ.	OCDEL, Dep't of Public Welfare	OCDEL, Dep't of Public Welfare	OCDEL, under Dep'ts of Educ. and Public Welfare
Rhode Island	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.
South Carolina	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Educ. and South Carolina First Steps <sup>57</sup>	The Children's Trust Fund	South Carolina First Steps	Did not apply

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<sup>57</sup> The Board of South Carolina First Steps is "composed of the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education and twenty appointed members[.] . . . [including] [t]he Chief Executive Officer of each of the following . . . : Dep't of Social Services or his designee; Dep't of Health and Environmental Control or his designee; Dep't of Health and Human Services or his designee; Dep't of Mental Health or his designee; Dep't of Disabilities and Special Needs or his designee; Dep't of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services or his designee; Dep't of Transportation or his designee and Budget and Control Board, Division of Research and Statistics or his designee." (<http://www.scfirststeps.org/legislation.htm>)

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South Dakota	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Educ.	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Educ.	Did not apply
Tennessee	Dep't of Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Educ.	Did not apply
Texas	Child Care Services, Workforce Development Division, Texas Workforce Commission	The Children's Learning Institute (part of the Texas State Center for Early Childhood Development)	Texas Educ. Agency	Health & Human Services Commission	Dep't of Assistive & Rehabilitation Services	Did not apply
Utah	Dep't of Workforce Services	Dep't of Workforce Services	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Did not apply
Vermont	Dep't for Children & Families (Agency of Human Services, Child Development Division)	Dep't for Children & Families	Dep't for Children & Families and Dep't of Educ.	Agency of Human Services	Dep't for Children & Families	Dep't for Children & Families
Virginia	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Social Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services	Did not apply
Washington	Dep't of Early Learning	Dep't of Early Learning	Dep't of Early Learning	Dep't of Early Learning	Dep't of Early Learning	Dep't of Early Learning
West Virginia	Dep't of Health and Human Resources	Dep't of Health & Human Services	Dep't of Educ.	Dep't of Health & Human Resources	Dep't of Health & Human Resources	Didn't highlight lead
Wisconsin	Dep't of Children & Families	Dep't of Public Instruction	Dep't of Public Instruction	Dep't of Children & Families	Dep't of Health Services (Children's Services Section)	Dep't of Children & Families
Wyoming	Dep't of Family Services	University of Wyoming/ Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (linked to Dep't of Family Services)	No state-funded program	Dep't of Health	Dep't of Health	Did not apply

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## Early Care and Education State Contacts Supplement

<b>State</b>	<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Agency</b>	<b>Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Implementing Agency</b>
Alabama	Department of Education	Alabama Department of Human Resources - Child Care Services Division
Alaska	Department of Education & Early Development	thread Alaska – Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
Arizona	Department of Education	First Things First
Arkansas	Department of Human Services	Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education
California	Department of Education	California Department of Education
Colorado	Department of Public Health and Environment	The Qualistar Rating <sup>TM</sup> /Colorado Department of Human Services - Division of Childcare
Connecticut	Department of Education	Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
Delaware	Department of Education	Department of Human Development & Family Studies/Delaware Department of Education
District of Columbia	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Florida	Department of Health	Association of Early Learning Coalitions (County Specific)
Georgia	Department of Early Care and Learning	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Hawaii	Department of Education	Hawaii Department of Human Services
Idaho	Department of Education	IdahoAEYC
Illinois	Department of Education	Illinois Department of Human Services and Illinois State Board of Education
Indiana	Department of Education	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration - Bureau of Child Care
Iowa	Department of Education	Iowa Department of Human Services
Kansas	Department of Education	Child Care Aware of Kansas
Kentucky	Department of Education	Kentucky Department for Community Based Services
Louisiana	Department of Education	Department of Children and Family Services
Maine	Department of Health & Human Services	Maine Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Child and Family Services
Maryland	Department of Education	Maryland State Department of Education
Massachusetts	Department of Education	Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)
Michigan	Department of Education	Early Childhood Investment Corporation





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Minnesota	Department of Education	Minnesota Department of Human Services - Office of Early Learning
Mississippi	Department of Education	Early Childhood Institute - Mississippi State University
Missouri	Department of Health & Senior Services	
Montana	Department of Public Health & Human Services	Montana Department of Health & Human Services - Early Childhood Services Bureau
Nebraska	Department of Education/Health and Human Services	Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nevada	Department of Agriculture	Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Office of Early Care and Education
New Hampshire	Department of Education	New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
New Jersey	Department of Agriculture	New Jersey Inter Department Group (Human Services, Health, Education, Children and Families)
New Mexico	Department of Children, Youth and Families	NewMexicoKids - Children, Youth and Families Department, Office of Child Development
New York	Department of Health	NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council
North Carolina	Department of Health and Human Services	NC Division of Child Development and Early Education
North Dakota	Department of Public Instruction	ND Department of Human Services
Ohio	Department of Education	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Oklahoma	Department of Education	Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Oregon	Department of Education	Early Learning Division
Pennsylvania	Department of Education	Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Rhode Island	Department of Education	Rhode Island AEYC
South Carolina	Department of Social Services	South Carolina Department of Social Services
South Dakota	Department of Education	South Dakota Department of Social Services
Tennessee	Department of Human Services	Tennessee Department of Human Services
Texas	Department of Agriculture	Texas Workforce Commission
Utah	Office of Education	Department of Workforce Services/Office of Child Care
Vermont	Department of Education	Vermont Department for Children and Families - Agency of Human Services
Virginia	Department of Health	Virginia Department of Social Services - Office of Early Childhood Development, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation





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Washington	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Washington State Department of Early Learning
West Virginia	Department of Education	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources/Division of Early Care and Education
Wisconsin	Department of Public Instruction	Wisconsin Department of Children & Families
Wyoming	Department of Education	Wyoming Department of Family Services - Early Childhood Division