

Highlights of Pending Head Start Conference Report

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<p>Funding for Migrants and Indians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates 5% set-aside for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and 3.5% for Indian Head Start • The Secretary shall adjust the set-asides as needed (upward or down) based upon the results of a study on unmet need and parity in those programs. 	<p>Funding for Migrants and Indians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After hold harmless to current agencies and providing COLA's to all programs, available expansion dollars would be prioritized toward reaching a 5% set-aside for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and a 4% set-aside for Indian Head Start programs. 	<p>Funding for Migrants and Indians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizes funding expansion to Migrant and Seasonal and to Indian programs for all 5 years of authorization • After funding current agencies and maintaining current levels of funding for technical assistance, monitoring, and research and evaluation, provides \$100 million to Migrant and Seasonal and Indian Head Start programs over 5 years • In FY08-FY10, if appropriations are insufficient to provide \$20 million to Migrant and Seasonal and Indian programs and provide a full COLA to existing grantees, 10% of available funds are dedicated for expansion of Migrant and Seasonal and Indian programs

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<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 100% of poverty are eligible • Allows 10% of enrolled children to be over 100% of poverty • Agencies may apply to the Secretary to serve an additional 10% of children between 100-130% of the federal poverty line • A child who is homeless is deemed to meet the low-income eligibility criteria 	<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 130% of poverty are eligible • Allows 10% of enrolled children to be over 130% of poverty • A child who is homeless is deemed to meet the low-income eligibility criteria 	<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 100% of poverty are eligible • 10% of children may be over 100% of poverty • An additional 35% of children may be between 100-130% of the federal poverty line • A child who is homeless is deemed to meet the low-income eligibility criteria • Programs must establish policies that will provide that prioritizes serving children under poverty • Expansion funds are prioritized to applicants who would serve children under poverty
<p>Program Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines a shared governance structure between a governing board and a parent policy council • Outlines the composition of each entity and clearly defines their roles and responsibilities 	<p>Program Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines a two-tiered governance structure between a governing board and a parent policy council • Outlines the composition of each entity and clearly defines their roles and responsibilities 	<p>Program Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides clear guidelines for collaborative governance between a governing board and a parent policy council • Outlines the composition of each entity and clearly defines their roles and responsibilities • Prohibits financial and other conflicts of interest by board and council members

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<p>Program Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes an expert panel to develop system of identifying high quality programs using multiple sources of data • New system will require programs identified as not providing a high quality comprehensive early childhood program to enter into an open competition • Programs identified as providing a high quality comprehensive early childhood program will receive a 5-year grant 	<p>Program Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs in good standing and meeting the performance standards, based on Head Start monitoring, are guaranteed re-designation for a 5-year grant. • Programs with unresolved deficiencies must enter into an open competition 	<p>Program Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes an expert panel to develop system of identifying high quality programs using multiple sources of data • New system will require programs identified as not providing a high quality comprehensive early childhood program to enter into an open competition • Programs identified as providing a high quality comprehensive early childhood program will receive a 5-year grant
<p>Expansion Formula To States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed to each State based on the number of children under 5 in families with incomes below the poverty line 	<p>Expansion Formula To States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% of funds distributed to States serving fewer than 60% of eligible 3 and 4 year olds • 35% of funds distributed to each State based on the number of children under 5 in families with incomes below the poverty line 	<p>Expansion Formula To States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY08 – 30% of new funds go to the states serving less than 60% of eligibles; 70% to all states based on young children below poverty line • FY09 – 40% of new funds go to the states serving less than 60% of eligibles; 60% to all states based on young children below poverty line • FY10 – 50% of new funds go to the states serving less than 60% of eligibles; 50% to all states based on young children below poverty line • FY11 – 55% of new funds go to the states serving less than 60% of eligibles; 45% to all states based on young children below poverty line • FY12 – 55% of new funds go to the states serving less than 60% of eligibles; 45% to all states based on young children below poverty line

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<p>Teacher Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of teachers nationwide must have at least a BA in early childhood or a related field • Teach for America participants may be Head Start teachers provided they demonstrate knowledge in early childhood education 	<p>Teacher Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary shall set a goal of 50% of teachers nationwide and within each State have at least a BA in early childhood or a related field 	<p>Teacher Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of teachers nationwide must have at least a BA in early childhood or a related field • No agency or individual may be penalized for not meeting the nationwide requirement • Teach for America participants may be Head Start teachers provided they demonstrate knowledge in early childhood education
<p>Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains current law's prohibition on using Head Start funds for voter registration activities 	<p>Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows use of Head Start funds for voter registration activities 	<p>Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains prohibition of using Head Start funds for voter registration activities • Clarifies that Head Start facilities may be used during hours of operation by non-partisan organizations conducting activities to increase the number of eligible citizens who are registered to vote

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<p>State Early Childhood Coordination Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides up to \$5 million each fiscal year to States for activities to improve coordination and quality of early childhood services 	<p>State Early Childhood Coordination Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Governors to create or designate State Advisory Councils of Early Care and Education who will undertake a periodic strategic State needs assessment of early childhood and develop a report with recommendations on ways to improve the coordination and quality of early childhood services Provides \$100 million dollars for a competitive grant to states to implement the report described above 	<p>State Early Childhood Coordination Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Governors to create or designate State Advisory Councils of Early Care and Education who will undertake a periodic strategic State needs assessment of early childhood and develop a report with recommendations on ways to improve the coordination and quality of early childhood services Provides \$100 million dollars for a competitive grant to states to implement the report described above
<p>Centers of Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision 	<p>Centers of Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates an authorization for funding to Governors to identify high quality Head Start agencies (Centers of Excellence) within their respective States and to create a partnership between the State and the Centers that supports dissemination of best practices and program expansion. 	<p>Centers of Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates an authorization for funding to Governors to identify high quality Head Start agencies (Centers of Excellence) within their respective States and to create a partnership between the State and the Centers that supports dissemination of best practices and program expansion

