SHARED SERVICE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT EARLY HEAD START-CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

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Background
• Non-profit with 4 sites (in DC and Maryland) that collectively serve 2,500 children, youth and low-income working immigrant families.
• Bilingual, multicultural settings
• Funding from city, county, state, federal government; parent fees; foundation and corporate grants; private donations.

CentroNía

Role in EHS
• One of three Quality Improvement Network (QIN) Hubs in DC
• Partners with 5 child care centers to serve 200 children in Early Head Start
  • 85 teachers in 38 classrooms throughout DC
• CentroNía QIN provides TA, coaching and support on EHS compliance and professional development

Shared Services Opportunities
Strengths that position CentroNía to create and manage a Shared Services network:
• Founding and previous management of a bilingual charter school with 350 students
• Current work as QIN Hub work
• Centralized food catering program (we cater all meals to 4 non-CentroNía sites)
• Effective citywide intermediary – instructional support and advocacy
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Comprised of Two Practices Areas

- The ELV Business Model equips child care providers to improve quality, save time, and lower costs; resulting in better outcomes for all children.

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Quality Child Care Partnership Model

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ELV Network as of March 2017

- 1,452 ELV users
- 492 Licensed programs served
- 28,764 Children impacted

ELV Child Care Partnership Network

- ELV Affiliates serving most at-risk infants & toddlers in 17 center-based and 14 family child care providers across 4 counties in Colorado (Arapahoe, Garfield, Mesa and Pueblo)
- 1,700 TOTAL IMPACT on children & their families
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ELV Child Care Partnership Network

Developmental screenings completed for EHS children

Dental screenings completed for EHS children

EHS qualified teachers with 55 working toward their credentials

Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities

• Compliance and Monitoring -- How do you manage compliance with EHS performance standards vs the flexibility/variability among providers?
• Staffing – how do we help programs recruit and retain qualified staff?
• Finance – What are some of the challenges and opportunities for Hubs and child care partners?