

Putting Children First ECD Initiative

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The ECD MAPPING PROJECT

Building a system of supports for children 0 - 6 and families

The Mapping Project – PCFI and HELP in partnership

The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) and Putting Children First work in partnership on the ECD Mapping Project. This project maps 3 components: **community assets, child development and socio-economic characteristics of communities**. The information being gathered and mapped is beginning to provide us with a better understanding of where the programs and resources are located, how accessible those programs are to the families and children they are designed to support, and reveal where the gaps are in children's development and where change is needed.

Considerations when mapping existing programs, resources and services

1. **Program/Service/Resource:** What is the program/service/resource? Who attends or can access this? How would families find out about it?
2. **Location:** Is this located in an accessible area for families? Is this a shared space or building? How many communities does this operate in? Is there an outreach component?
3. **Duration:** Is this short term or does it operate throughout the year? Does it operate only if there are available numbers of participants?
4. **Hours and Days of Operation:** Are the hours and days of operation consistent? Do the hours change during school breaks and summer holidays?
5. **Transportation to and from:** Can families access transportation to get to and from this?
6. **Cost:** What is the cost? Are there any subsidies available for families?
7. **Ages of participants:** What are the specific ages this is geared to? Do parents and other siblings participate?
8. **Waitlists and enrollment:** Is there a waitlist? What is the enrollment? How long is the waitlist? What else is available while families are waiting?
9. **What else is provided:** Is there child minding? Are meals included? Is transportation included? What are the expectations?

Please see our [Community Inventory Form](#), which can be filled out online or downloaded and faxed or mailed.

‘It takes a community to raise a child’