Learning Outcomes

- Participants will be familiar with the requirements for a Head Start/EHS community assessment.
- Participants will be able to identify where information can be accessed to complete a community assessment.
- Participants will have practiced developing program planning goals based on external data.
- Participants will have received information and materials to assist with completing a Head Start/EHS Community Assessment in compliance with Head Start regulations.

SAMPLE AGENDA

DAY ONE

Defining What to Include in Your Community-Wide Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment
Data Collection & Analysis, including:
- Head Start Eligible Children and Families
- Other Child Care Providers
- Head Start Available Children and Families
- Geographic Location
- Geographic Considerations
- Racial and Ethnic Composition
- Children and Disabilities
- Community Resources
- Strengths and Weaknesses of Children and Families
- Social Services Issues
- Health Issues
- Transportation Issues
- Nutrition Issues (including Obesity)
- Obesity Issues
- Dental Health Issues
- Education Issues
- Mental Health Issues
- Homelessness
- Literacy

Obtaining External Information
- Strengths and Weaknesses of Surveys
- Strengths and Weaknesses of Informal Questionnaires
- Using Other Community Assessments

DAY TWO

Using the Information, including:
- Long Range Goals
- Determining Recruitment Area
- Short Term Objectives
- Priorities for Recruitment & Selection
- Justifying Program Options
- Sharing Information with Other Providers and Engaging in Collaborative Planning Process