Early Head Start Building Blocks:
An Orientation to Early Head Start

Designed for new managers, coordinators, partners and administrators, with home-based, center-based and family child care partners in mind, Early Head Start Building Blocks: An Orientation to Early Head Start will provide an in-depth look at the dynamics of starting a new program or preparing your program for an EHS expansion. The EHS experts at this comprehensive training event will educate you on the intricacies and special challenges of serving infants, toddlers, and expectant families in center and home based program options.

In addition to discussing the critical differences, rules, and expectations between preschool Head Start services and Early Head Start services, participants will learn the basic “nuts and bolts” of operating an Early Head Start program. The institute will address such topics as:

- Understanding prenatal services
- Managing EHS health services
- Appropriate EHS environments
- Family services and parent involvement
- Support school readiness in EHS programs
- Program staffing and staff credentials
- Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA)
- Examine the use of the Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework

Sample Agenda

Day One (6 hrs)

- Services to Expectant Families
- Health for Pregnant Women
- Roundtable Q & A

Day Two (6 hrs)

- Education Services in Early Head Start
- Managing Health Services in Early Head Start
- Roundtable Q & A

Day Three (3.25 hrs)

- Family and Community Partnerships
- Roundtable Q & A

While content will not change, the exact schedule may be adjusted.
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