Local Data-Informed Strategic Planning

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About Us

- The Hunt Institute brings together people and resources that help build and nurture visionary leadership and mobilize strategic action for greater educational outcomes and student success.
- Our mission is to provide unbiased research, technical expertise, and learning opportunities that equip and empower educators and policymakers to drive equitable reforms and become champions for education across the continuum.

What is the Preschool Development Grant?

- Competitive federal grant designed to improve states' early childhood systems.

- Empowers state governments to better leverage federal, state, and local early care and education investments.

- To help coordinate early childhood programs and services that already exist in the state based on the identified needs of the state.
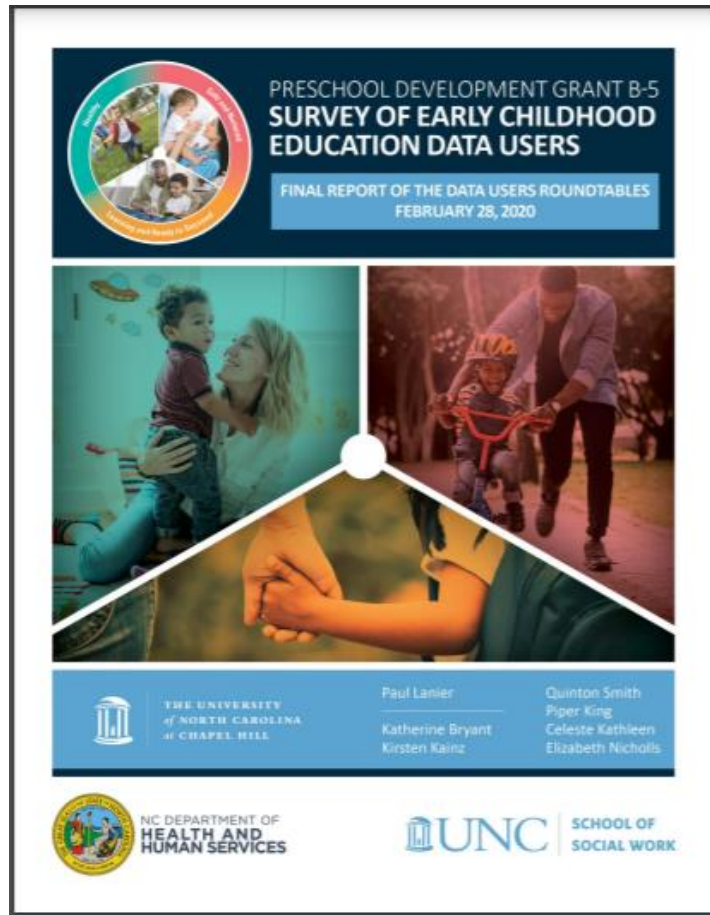
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- To provide county-level human services leaders with the opportunity to learn how to use and interpret data to inform scalable and sustainable strategic plans.

- Builds on the NC Early Childhood Action plan, as well as other local planning efforts, to provide local leaders with support to align state and local improvement efforts.

Why This Activity?

Recommendations from a 2019 PDG Report: Survey of Early Childhood Education Data Users

1. **Data quality and management**. Build internal capacity in early childhood settings at the community level to collect, manage, and use data.

2. **Data sharing**. Support the sharing of data between organizations by providing legal, procedural, and policy guidance.

3. **Purposeful data use**. Provide technical assistance to early childhood organizations to access and leverage existing early childhood data from available public sources.

To ultimately better coordinate early childhood services across systems.

Local Data-Informed Strategic Planning

Learn	Learn how to leverage the power of data to develop or strengthen your early childhood strategic plan.
Build	Build cross-sector relationships with other early childhood leaders in your county.
Receive	Receive ongoing technical assistance and coaching to develop or enhance and evaluate your local data-informed local strategic plan.

What is the Plan?

1. Application and Team Selection
2. Professional Development Sessions
3. Individualized Technical Assistance
4. Cohort Convenings

	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Cohort 1	Applications Due & Teams Selected	Webinar In-Person PD		Webinar	Cohort Convening			Technical Assistance					
Cohort 2				Applications Due & Teams Selected	Webinar In-Person PD		Webinar	Cohort Convening		Technical Assistance			FINAL CONVENING
Cohort 3						Applications Due & Teams Selected	Webinar In-Person PD		Webinar	Cohort Convening	Technical Assistance		

What Are The Expectations?

- **Build a Team** – build a team of 8 to 12 members leveraging existing community collaboratives.

- **Apply –** submit <u>one</u> application for the team by December 10th.

- **Attend Professional Development Sessions**– two virtual sessions and one regional in-person event will be held January through March.

- **Attend Cohort Convening** – the cohort will gather in April to learn more about data and share their strategic plan.

- **Receive Technical Assistance** – individualized technical assistance will be offered to teams throughout 2022.

- **Attend Final Convening –** a final convening to bring together all cohorts to share strategic plans and outcomes in December 2022.

Who Is a Team?

Smart Start Local Partnerships	Head Start and Early Head Start
Early Intervention	School Districts
Child Care Resource & Referral	Child Care Providers
NC Pre-K	Social Services
Local Health Departments	Maternal And Child Health
Home Visiting	Mental Health Agencies
Business and Faith Communities	Community Services
Philanthropic Organizations	Local Policymakers & Elected Officials
Family Members and Caregivers	Educator Preparation Programs

Professional Development Sessions

Webinar (January)

- Reliably request and access data from sources.

- Best practices in data privacy and safely sharing data.

- Evaluate the strengths and limitations of a given data source.

In-Person Regional Convening (January)

- Build relationships with key data stakeholders.

- Ask questions that lead to actionable change in the community.

- Begin developing a strategic plan.

Professional Development Sessions

Webinar (March)

- Build a data story by blending quantitative and qualitative data.
- Communicate data to various audiences through visualization and writing.

Cohort Convening (April)

- Convene stakeholders using an equity approach to data.
- Utilize data-informed approaches into existing workflows and systems.

Receive Technical Assistance

Receive technical assistance throughout 2022 to develop or enhance and evaluate your strategic plan.

Attend a Final Convening

Attend a final convening in December 2022 to bring together all cohorts and showcase local strategic planning efforts.

Complete the Team Application by December 10th

1. How frequently is data being used to inform early childhood planning in your county? (Rarely to Always)

2. What types of early childhood collaborative/strategic planning efforts, if any, have occurred in your county? What were those efforts and who were the stakeholders? What is the status of the collaborative/strategic planning efforts?

3. What does your team hope to gain by participating in this local data-informed strategic planning initiative?

4. What challenges or opportunities do you anticipate when creating and implementing data-informed strategic planning in your county?

5. Please use the space below to share any additional information about your collaborative efforts that may help inform our selection process.

Assurances

- ✓ Ensuring all stakeholders listed in the application participate on the team.
- ✓ Attend two virtual trainings, one in-person regional training, and one cohort convening.
- ✓ Develop or enhance a strategic plan that uses early childhood data to guide improvements to services, policies, or practices.
- ✓ Provide input on trainings/resources created.

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