**Strengthening Collaboration Between IDEA Agencies and Head Start Programs**

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* **Federal Guidance**
  + [Dear Colleague Letter on IDEA Services in Head Start](https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/dear-colleague-letter-on-idea-services-in-head-start/)
  + [Guidance on Creating an Effective Memorandum of Understanding to Support High-Quality Inclusive Early Childhood Systems](https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/guidance-on-creating-an-effective-memorandum-of-understanding-to-support-high-quality-inclusive-early-childhood-systems-oct-5-2022/)
  + [Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/earlylearning/joint-statement-full-text.pdf)
  + [Dear Colleague Letter on Preschool Least Restrictive Environments](https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/updated-dear-colleague-letter-on-preschool-least-restrictive-environments/)
* **Policy & Practice to Support Inclusion** 
  + [Considerations for Developing State Policy and Guidance on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs](https://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/considerations-state-policies.pdf)
  + [Financing Strategies and Collaborative Funding for Inclusive Programs](https://ectacenter.org/topics/inclusion/funding.asp)
    - Includes examples of state and local level interagency agreements
  + [State Examples for Inclusion](https://ectacenter.org/topics/inclusion/stateexamples.asp)
* **Collaboration** 
  + [Foundations for Fostering Partnerships](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/foundations-fostering-partnerships-head-start.pdf)
  + [Guiding Questions for Discussing Services in the LRE](https://ectacenter.org/topics/iep/iep-placement.asp#guidingquestions)
  + [Strategies for Effective Meetings, Decision-Making, and Conflict Resolution](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/ensuring-collaborative-partnerships-strategies-effective-meetings-decision-making-conflict)
  + [Teaming and Collaboration Practice Improvement Tools](https://ectacenter.org/decrp/topic-teaming.asp)
* **Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)**
  + [Head Start Disabilities Services Coordinator Orientation Guide Appendix A: Building an Interagency MOU](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/children-disabilities/disability-services-coordinator-orientation-guide/appendix-building-interagency-memorandum-understanding)
  + [Negotiating a Partnership Agreement: Wisdom from the Field](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/4504ccp-negotiatingapartnershipagreement.pdf)
* **Partners**
  + [Head Start State Collaboration Offices](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/state-collaboration/article/head-start-collaboration-offices)
  + [Part B, Section 619 Coordinators](https://ectacenter.org/contact/619coord.asp)
  + [Part C State Coordinators](https://ectacenter.org/contact/ptccoord.asp)
* **IDEA Data**
  + [OSEP Fast Facts](https://sites.ed.gov/idea/osep-fast-facts/)
* **Head Start Data**
  + [Program Information Report (PIR)](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/data-ongoing-monitoring/article/program-information-report-pir)