Welcome and Introductions
Agenda

- President’s Report
- Treasurer Report
- Committee Reports
- 2015 Tipping Points Preliminary Findings
- Awards
- Working Luncheon – Head Start NPRM
- Washington Update – Joint Session
- Determinations Discussion
- Strategic Direction Planning
- Issues for OSERS/OSEP Leadership
President’s Report
ITCA Leadership

- Ardith Ferguson (CO) – President
- Sherry Franklin (NC) – Vice President
- Donna Noyes (NY) – Past President
- Ron Benham (MA) – Secretary/Treasurer
- Brenda Sharp (LA) – Director at large
- Amanda Carlson (ND) – Director at large
- Jim Coyle (PA) – Director at large
ITCA Leadership

- Maureen Greer – Executive Director
- Sharon Walsh – Governmental Liaison
Committees

- Data Committee:
  - Chairs: Lynne MacLeod (UT) and Christy Scott (CO)
  - 29 members

- Finance Committee:
  - Chair: Ron Benham (MA)
  - 17 members

- Policy Committee:
  - Chairs: Brenda Sharp (LA) and Susan Ord (UT)
  - 16 members

- Professional Development:
  - Chairs: Sherry Franklin (NC) and Brenda Knudson-Chouffi (NY)
  - 15 members
ITCA Members

- 2015 Members: 49 states and jurisdictions (88%) – (89% in 2014)
  - 15 Years - 17 states: AK, AZ, CT, DE, HI, ID, KS, MD, MA, NJ, NM, NC, OK, TX, UT, VT, WA
  - 14 Years – 12 states: Am. Samoa, GA, IL, MS, NV, NH, ND, No. Marianas, OH, RI, WV, WI
Communication at the Federal Level

- Bi-monthly call with Melody Musgrove and Ruth Ryder, including other staff that may be invited to join

- Twice yearly onsite meetings with OSERS/OSEP and Early Learning Leadership and staff

- Regular contact with OSEP on identified issues

- Collaboration with Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control
Comment Submissions

- IDEA Part C State Performance Plan, Annual Performance Plan and Use of Results in Status Determinations
- Comments on the White House Summit on Early Childhood
- Inclusion Policy White Paper
- Head Start White Paper
Treasurer Report
## 2015 Revenue

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7/10/2015

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Budget to Expenditure Trend

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Standing Committees
Committees

- Data Committee
- Finance Committee
- Policy Committee
- Professional Development
Data Committee

Donna Noyes
2015 Charges/Activities

- Grads 360 Evaluation
- Eligibility Status Update
- 2011 Birth Cohort
- Data Survey
  - Collaboration with DaSy
  - Draft Survey Questions
- Next Steps
Finance Committee

Ron Benham
2015 Initiatives

- Fiscal Think Tank
- Partnership with DaSy on Finance Briefs
- Super Circular Uniform Reporting Guidance
- Fiscal Initiative
  - Partnership with NCSI and ECTA
  - Second Cohort of States
Policy Committee

Brenda Sharp
Susan Ord
2015 Activities

- Inclusion Policy
- Tracking Federal Legislation
  - ESEA
  - Appropriations
- Head Start
  - Comments of reforming Head Start
  - Head Start NPRM
Professional Development

Sherry Franklin
Brenda Knudson-Chouffi
2015 Activities

- New Coordinator Orientation
- Webinar Series
  - Family Assessment
  - DEC Recommended Practices
- Topics for Future Trainings
2015
Tipping Points
Maureen Greer
Respondent Demographics (N=49)

**Eligibility**
- Category A: 26%
- Category B: 36%
- Category C: 38%

**Lead Agency**
- Health: 34%
- Education: 23%
- Other: 43%
State Part C Infrastructure (N=49)

- Programs/agencies are responsible for all eligible children from referral through transition in an assigned regional or local catchment area. Services are provided by staff of the entity or contractors hired by the entity – 28 states

- Programs/agencies are responsible for referral to initial IFSP development including service coordination in an assigned regional or local catchment area. Services are provided through a statewide central reimbursement system that pays providers/practitioners. – 8 states

- State employs staff who work at the state, regional or local level and provide services. State may also hire contractors to supplement. – 5 states
State Part C Infrastructure (continued)

- Multiple state agencies and their regional/local counterparts are responsible for children based either on eligibility criteria or on specific service. – 2 States

- Other - 5 states:
  - Lead Agency contracts with private providers for core team.
  - Regional Points of Entry (public/private) responsible for referral through transition.
  - State employs staff for referral through first IFSP, services provided by contractors.
  - First description plus another state agency and local school districts.
How long have you been the Part C Coordinator? (N=49)
State Identified Measurable Result (N=41)

- Improved social-emotional skills: 51%
- Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills: 11%
- Use of appropriate behaviors: 7%
- EI helped Family help their child develop and learn: 5%
- Implement B-5 system: 4%
- Other: 5%
- N=41
SiMR Implementation (N=44)
Status of Continued Participation (N=44)
What issue will cause the administration to decide to drop out? (N=8)

- Increased Costs: 38%
- State budget availability: 25%, 25%, 25%
- Program growth rate: 0%
- Increased costs of children with complex needs: 0%
## Changes Made in the Last 12 Months for Continued Participation

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Status of Eligibility for Last Three Years (N=44)
Planned Services Per Child Per Month (N=26)
Delivered Services Per Child Per Month
(N=26)
Average Length of Time in Part C
(N=40)

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<td>15 (9-27)</td>
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Status of State Funding (N=42)

- 2010: 41%
- 2011: 34%
- 2012: 7%
- 2013: 17%
- 2014: 5%
- 2015: 0%

- Funding Increased: 2010: 41%, 2011: 34%, 2012: 7%
- Funding Decreased: 2010: 25%, 2011: 10%, 2012: 7%
- Funding Frozen: 2010: 41%, 2011: 34%, 2012: 7%
- Budget Not Final: 2010: 41%, 2011: 34%, 2012: 7%
Declinations as a Result of Fiscal Constraints

Local Lead Agencies (N=43)
- Yes: 5%
- No: 41%
- Not Applicable: 54%

Contractors (N=42)
- Yes: 18%
- No: 31%
- Not Applicable: 51%
Status of Provider Reimbursement (N=41)

- Increased Reimbursement: 8%
- Decreased Reimbursement: 22%
- Remained the Same: 62%
- Will increase in next 12 months: 3%
- Will decrease in next 12 months: 5%

2014 ITCA Membership Meeting
Early Childhood Grants in States

![Bar chart showing the number of states for RTT-Early Learning, Preschool Development, and Preschool Enhancement for Yes (N=41) and Disability Needs Addressed (N=28).]

- 16 states provided RTT-Early Learning.
- 14 states addressed preschool development.
- 10 states enhanced preschool development.
- 6 states addressed disability needs.

Yes (N=41)

Disability Needs Addressed (N=28)
Part C Involvement with Home Visiting (N=41)
Part C addressing NAS issues (N=42)

- Yes: 13
- No: 29

Total: 32
2015 ITCA Awards Ceremony
Jim Coyle, Chair
Family Leadership Award
Family Leadership Award

- The *National Parent Leadership Awards* are given to acknowledge outstanding state and national parent leadership on behalf of the Part C program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

- Parents may be nominated on the basis of significant contributions, in either a volunteer or paid capacity, during a specific period of time, or for exceptional efforts over a period of several years.

- These efforts may range from family support efforts, recruiting and/or training families, participating in the state ICC, serving on committees, working on legislative initiatives etc.
Barb Schinderle, Michigan
Trohanis Public Service Leadership Award

Pascal “Pat” Trohanis
The Public Service / Leadership Award will be given annually to acknowledge outstanding national leadership on behalf of the IDEA Part C early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. Individuals may be nominated on the basis of significant contributions during a specific period of time, or for exceptional efforts over a period of several years.
2015 Trohanis Leadership Award Recipient

Bonnie Strickland
Washington Update

Sharon Walsh
Agenda

- Context and 114th Congress
- Budget & Funding
- Early Learning
- Actions of the Congress
- What’s Next?
114th Congress – 1st Session

- Election of 114th Congress November 2014
- 114th Congress convened in January 2015
- 2nd session Jan 2015
- Election 2016
- *This is Not an Election Year – Does it make this easier!*??!!!
Deadlines – Debt Ceiling and September 30th Funding
Big Year for Anniversaries

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – 25 years
- IDEA – 40 years
- Head Start – 50 years
- Medicaid – 50 years
- Medicare – 50 years
Federal Budget FY 2014

- Social Security: 23%
- Defense: 17%
- Nondefense discretionary (other than education): 14%
- Medicare: 14%
- Medicaid: 8%
- Nondefense discretionary (other than education): 14%
- Interest: 6%
- Other Mandatory: 16%
- Education: 2%
# IDEA FY 2013 Sequestration

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FY 2015: Where did we end up?

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President’s 2016 Budget

• Part C – Proposes a $65 million increase over current funding which would bring the FFY 2016 to $504 million.

• Proposal would reserve $15 million of this increase for “Pay for Success pilots to expand early screening and early intervention services.”
619 Preschool Grants program

- **Presidents Budget** – Proposes a $50 million increase which would bring the program to $403 million in FFY 2016.
- Proposes flexibility in the use of early intervening funds for preschool.
- “The Administration is requesting additional flexibility to allow LEAs to provide CEIS to children ages three through five.”
An increase in Head Start/Early Head Start to $10.1 billion (from $8.6 billion);

An increase discretionary funding for CCDBG to $2.805 billion (from $2.435 billion in FY 2015);

$750 million for Preschool Development Grants, an increase from $250 million in FY 2015;

An extension and expansion in the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV), proposing $500 million for FY 2016 and continued expansion to over $2 billion annually by 2025; and

A freeze of $637 million for Title V MCH Block Grant.
AND NOW THE BAD NEWS

CUTS

POSSIBLE

...Deeper

next

year
FY 2016 Appropriations

- Due to NDD freeze, House and Senate Appropriations Committees had no room for overall increases.

- In dividing up their pots of money, both committees increased funding for some bills which resulted in significant cut to Labor-HHS-Education.

- House allocation was aggregate cut of $3.7 billion.

- Senate allocation was aggregate cut of $3.6 billion.

- Within the bill, both the House and Senate prioritized NIH – leaving less money for education and other programs.
FY 2016 House Labor-HHS-ED

- Cuts discretionary Education (ED) funding by $2.77 billion or 4.1%.
- That is a bigger cut than the $2.27 billion cut that occurred from the FY 2013 sequester!
- Discretionary funding for ED would be below the FY 2011 level.
- Overall discretionary funding, excluding Pell grants, is cut by $2.4 billion (-5.4%).
  - Below the FY 2004 level, moving funding backwards by 12 years, prior to accounting for inflation or enrollment growth!
FY 2016 House Labor-HHS-ED

- Increases IDEA State Grants by $502 million.
- Cuts ESEA overall by $2.5 billion
- Eliminates 26 programs including:
  - School improvement State grants
  - Striving readers
  - Preschool development grants
  - Magnet schools assistance
  - Elementary and secondary school counseling
  - Javits Gifted and Talented
House Appropriations Committee - Minority

- Republican Appropriations Bills: Shortchanging America's Future, Serving Special Interests

- “The United States is far behind many countries in providing access to preschool education, and ranks just 25th in the world in enrollment of 4 year-olds. Early childhood intervention is critical in reducing inequality and narrowing achievement gaps. Yet the Labor-HHS-Education bill would de-fund preschool programs in 18 states, causing 60,000 children to lose access to preschool entirely.”
Cuts discretionary ED funding by $1.36 billion or 2%.

Discretionary funding for ED would be below the FY 2011 level.

Overall discretionary funding, excluding Pell grants, is also cut by $1.36 billion (-2.8%).

Below the FY 2004 level, moving funding backwards by 12 years, prior to accounting for inflation or enrollment growth!
FY 2016 Senate Labor-HHS-ED

- Increases IDEA State Grants by $100 million
- Increases IDEA Preschool Grants by $10 million
- Increases IDEA Grants for Infants and Families by $15 million.
- Increases Javits Gifted and Talented by $1 million.
- Cuts ESEA overall by $873 million.
- Eliminates 16 programs including
  - Striving readers
  - Preschool development grants
  - Investing in Innovation
## FFY 2016 Funding

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Next Steps

- Neither House nor Senate bill expected to get to the floor.
- October 1 = start of FY 2016
- Either short-term or long-term CR
- Some optimism for a deal to raise the caps!
- Not likely but possible - Shutdown
Early Childhood Administration Funding

• **New Preschool Grants**
  – $250M in grants to States for preschool grants
  – Grants were awarded to 18 of the 40 states
  – Grants are jointly administered by ED and HHS

• **Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships**
  – ACF funded $500 million in grants
  – Supports creation of Early Head Start/Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships and expansion of EHS

• **Race to the Top Early Learning**
  – 20 states in total have these grants
“If we make high-quality preschool available to every child, not only will we give our kids a safe place to learn and grow while their parents go to work; we’ll give them the start that they need to succeed in school, and earn higher wages, and form more stable families of their own. In fact, today, I’m setting a new goal:

By the end of this decade, let’s enroll 6 million children in high-quality preschool. That is an achievable goal that we know will make our workforce stronger.”
ESEA Reauthorization

- Was scheduled for 2007
- Bills introduced since then but no enactment
- More and more districts in more and more states not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress
- 2014 deadline of 100% proficiency
- Administration established waivers in the meantime
- Bill passed House and Senate
- IDEA reauthorization is after ESEA
ESEA Administrative Waivers
Established in Sept 2011

4 Conditions:
- Adopt College & Career Ready Standards
- Develop Assessments that Measure Student Growth
- Develop Differentiated Accountability System
- Develop Guidelines for Local Teacher and Principal Evaluations Based on Effectiveness
ESEA Reauthorization

- On July 16, the U.S. Senate passed S.117, the Every Child Achieves Act,
- By an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 81-17, with three Democrats and 14 Republicans voting against the measure.
- House of Representatives also passes its version H.R.5, the Student Success Act, with a vote of 218-213 on July 8
ESEA Reauthorization

- Secretary’s priorities include dedicated early childhood investment
- House bill does not include an early childhood dedicated funding stream
- Senate bill includes a dedicated funding stream
- Senate did not include Casey amendment to provides access to high-quality, full-day preschool for low income four-year-old children
Senator Murray

“I believe Congress should only pass an education bill that expands access to preschool programs. This is a particularly important issue to me.

As a mom, and when I was a preschool teacher, I saw firsthand the kind of transformation that early learning can inspire in a child – not just to start kindergarten ready to learn, but also to succeed later in life.

That’s why law enforcement, business groups, military leaders, and so many others all support expanding access to early childhood education.

Congress needs to catch up with the Democratic and Republican governors and legislators around the country”
Strong Start Bills Introduced

- Similar to the Strong Start bills considered in the last Congress
- Strong Start for America’s Children Act 2015 was introduced in the Senate (S. 1380) by Senator Murray (D-WA) and 23 co-sponsors
- Introduced in House (H.R. 2411) by Congressmen Hanna (R-NY) and Bobby Scott (D-VA)
- Purpose - to “increase access to appropriate supports so children with disabilities and other special populations can fully participate in high-quality early education programs.”
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Home Visiting expired briefly March 31, 2015
- Designed to improve the health of at-risk children through EB home visiting programs
- Bill passed by Congress and signed into law early April
- Attached to Medicare reimbursement increase ("DocFix")
- Also included a two year extension to the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
- Advocates now are pushing Congress to extend the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program scheduled to expire September 30, 2015
Head Start

- 50th Anniversary this year
- 60 day public comment ends August 18th.
- House Ed and Workforce Committee accepted comments on White Paper until June 1, 2015 in anticipation of reauthorization of Head Start
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act (EHDI).

- H.R. 1344 has 18 co-sponsors
- Last reauthorization was in 2010
- Representatives Brett Guthrie (R-KY) and Lois Capps (D-CA) introduced bill to reauthorize EHDI for 5 years
- State grants to develop infant hearing screening and intervention programs
Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014

- Last Congress completed the Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- First time in over 17 years
- Just closing a 60-day comment period on the revised Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan Preprint for States and Territories
- Comments on the new draft are due July 27, 2015
- An extension on the previous due date of July 1, 2015 for state plans now requires submission of all state plans by March 1, 2016.
Supreme Court Upholds ACA

- 6-3 decision
- Supreme Court upheld the availability of subsidies for everyone participating in an exchange under Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Regardless of whether the exchange is set up by a state or the federal government
  - *King v. Burwell*, reinforced that “Congress meant for those provisions to apply to every State,” regardless of whether or not the state set up its own exchange or is using the federal exchange.
- Thirty-four states have decided not to create a state exchange under ACA.
Online Updates

- Dept Education's Office of Early Learning
  list serv and monthly newsletter at
  www.ed.gov/early-learning

- White House Disability Group
  email disability@who.eop.gov and provide your full name, city, state, and organization.

- Bi weekly Ed Review email Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov
Thank You!
Determinations
OSEP Part C Determinations

Map showing states in different colors indicating whether they meet requirements, need assistance, or need intervention.
States’ performance data in child outcomes should be considered in determinations even if the state’s data quality does not meet all the standards for data quality.

A methodology for considering family outcomes should be developed in the next several years and incorporated into the Part C determinations process.
ITCA Recommendations & OSEP Response

- Completeness” of the data should be determined based on a denominator supplied by the state with accompanying rationale and documentation.

- A different method for comparing state to state child achievement data should be developed over the next several years by OSEP through the federally-funded contractors with active stakeholder involvement.
ITCA Recommendations & OSEP Response

- Compliance and results data should not be weighted equally in June 2015 determinations.

- Data quality and child achievement data should not be weighted equally in June 2015 determinations.

- Only comparisons of each state’s performance to its own targets should be used during the initial years of incorporating results data into determinations.
ITCA Recommendations & OSEP Response

- Use only “a” and “e” progress categories to measure “out-of-range” scores for data quality.

- For the first two years, use only each state’s performance compared with the state’s targets as the measure of child achievement and exclude the “change over time in summary statements” measure.
Strategic Direction
ITCA Vision – DRAFT:

- Actively participate in the promotion of a comprehensive system of early care and education in the broadest sense for all children.
ITCA Mission:

Current mission: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) is established to promote mutual assistance, cooperation, and exchange of information and ideas in the administration of Part C and to provide support to state and territory Part C coordinators.
Five Year Aspirations - DRAFT:

- Advocate for and facilitate leadership capacity of state coordinators.

- Encourage and assist states to manage, leverage, and grow additional revenue streams in order to serve eligible infants and toddlers.

- Increase state skills in leveraging and collaborating with other early childhood initiatives to access participation and support.

- Increase state skills in collecting and analyzing accurate data of infants and toddlers served and the visibility of the data that describes the magnitude of children and families.