

Child Development Services During Home Visits and Socializations in the Early Head Start Home-Based Program Option

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TO: Early Head Start Grantees and Head Start Grantees and Delegate Agencies

SUBJECT: Child Development Services During Home Visits and Socializations in the Early Head Start Home-Based Program Option

INFORMATION:

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quality services to infants and toddlers, it does not address every Head Start Program Performance Standard related to home-based services.

In addition, this document provides Early Head Start programs with information and guidance for delivering services that support best practices for infant, toddler and family development.

This Information Memorandum discusses:

- The Selection of Home-based Program Option
- The Service Delivery Model of the Home-based Program Option
- Child Development Services During Home Visits
- Child Development Services During Socializations
- Transition Planning from Prenatal Services to the Home-based Program Option

Please contact your Regional Office Program Specialist if you have questions regarding implementing the Home-based Program Option in Early Head Start.

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