

## Introduction

The Office of Head Start & Public Schools Collaboration Demonstration Project was held from June 2019–June 2020 and included 13 teams from across the country. Teams included leaders, early childhood educators, and parents from Head Start programs and their receiving elementary schools/districts. Each team established a common goal to improve the transition to kindergarten for children and families. Over the course of the year that followed, they held regular check-ins and worked toward their goal with support from the Office of Head Start.

The documents contained within this package include those that the teams found most helpful in their efforts to achieve a common goal focused on improving the transition to kindergarten process for children, families, and educators. They are intended to support your efforts to establish similar Head Start–school district teams that aim to improve the transition to kindergarten process and ensure that all children and families transition to kindergarten feeling confident and ready to succeed.



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## Agenda and Tips for Success

- A process agenda to plan a collaboration meeting that includes time to think about effective transition practices, determine shared goals, develop a team workplan, and build a team charter. Tips are provided to promote your success.

## Who is Ready for Kindergarten? Effective Transitions to Enhance School Readiness

- This PowerPoint session reviews research about the importance of quality transition practices, the essential practices that support smooth transitions, and high-impact transition activities that educators can implement.

## Team Goal Development – PATH Process and Planning Template

- A PowerPoint and Tip Sheet to guide your development of a shared goal using the PATH framework.

## Team Work Plan Template and Example

- A template for meeting planning and task distribution.
- A work plan example to prompt ideas and serve as a guide.

## Team Charter Template

- A template for creating your team charter, including expectations and responsibilities.

## Collaboration Demonstration Project: Successful Strategies from the Field

- A share out of successful transition to kindergarten activities that were planned and implemented by the teams who participated in the Office of Head Start & Public Schools Collaboration Demonstration Project.

## Office of Head Start & Public Schools Collaboration Demonstration Project: Summary and Practice Implications Paper

- A comprehensive report on the Collaboration Demonstration Project, including a review of the literature, influencing frameworks, team achievements, and implications for future practices.

## Video Tools: Building Bridges Series

### • **Building Bridges: Collaboration Demonstration Project**

A video that highlights the Office of Head Start & Public Schools Collaboration Demonstration Project. Team members and Head Start leaders explain the structure and purpose of the project and share lessons learned.

- **Building Bridges: Leaders Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten**

A video that highlights the key components of successful kindergarten transitions – information, relationships, and alignment – and offers practical implementation strategies from fellow leaders in the field.

- **Building Bridges: Families Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten**

A video about the benefits of family engagement in the transition to kindergarten. It highlights the key components of successful kindergarten transitions and strategies for promoting family engagement.

- **Building Bridges: Educators Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten**

A video that highlights the key components of successful kindergarten transitions and practical strategies that educators can implement during the transition process to support children and their families.



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