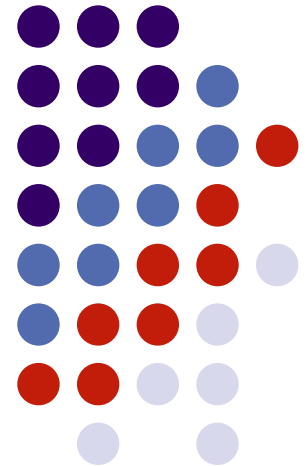


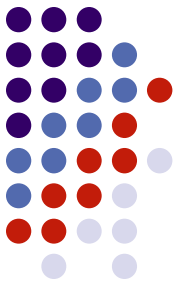
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The Context of an Early Childhood Comprehensive System

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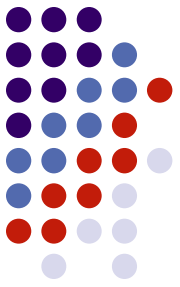
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Major Topics:

1. Missouri's ECCS Plan
 - Plan
 - Implementation
2. Context and relationship to your work

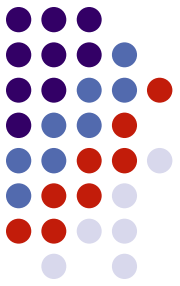
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School Readiness and the Whole Child

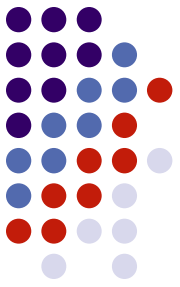
- Physical well-being and motor development
- Social and emotional development
- Approaches to learning
- Language development
- Cognition and general knowledge

School Success Takes:



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- Ready Communities
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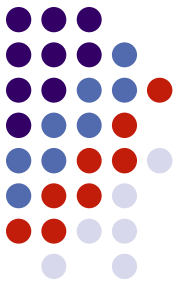
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Purpose of ECCS Plan

- Infrastructure to expand Missouri's capacity
- Improve accessibility
- Build consensus
- Develop a collective response to issues
- Addressing disparities among children

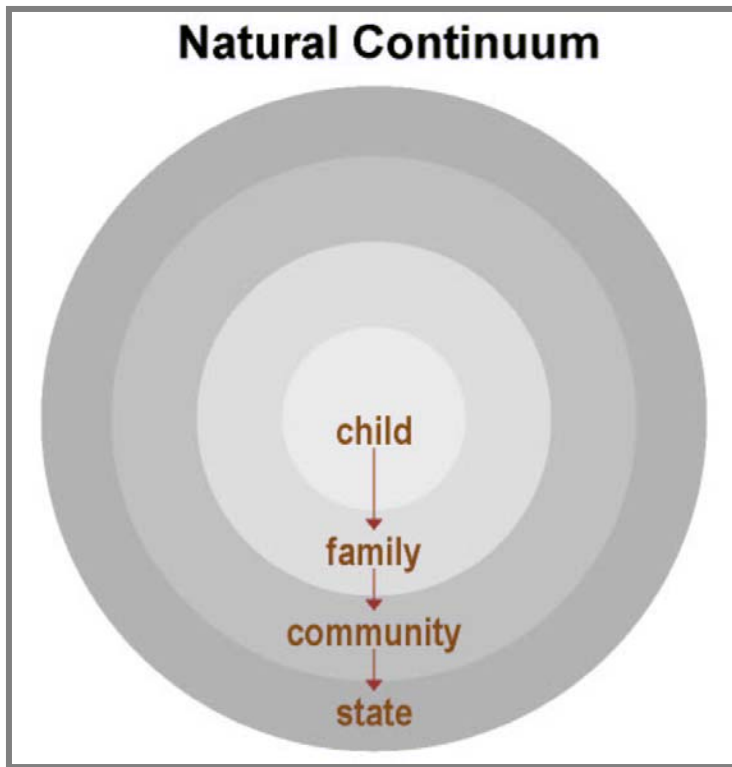
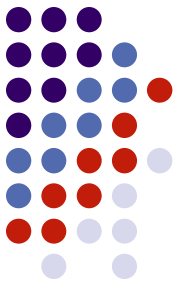
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Assumptions

- The ECCS Plan is designed to be responsive to changing needs of children, families, and communities.
- Early investment pays off over time.
- Effective interagency collaboration is necessary to meet complex needs of children and families.
- Indicators are selected to measure success of ECCS Plan activities.
- Shared accountability and responsibility are key.

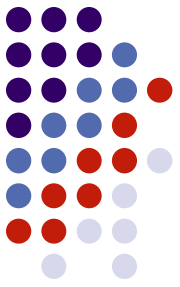
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Focus of the ECCS Plan

- Centrality of child and family in ECCS efforts
- Community and state policies and resources support child and family well-being
- Collective empowerment needed to implement Plan

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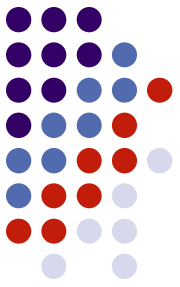


Essential Components

- Family Support and Parenting Education
- Early Childhood Programs
- Access to Medical Home
- Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development



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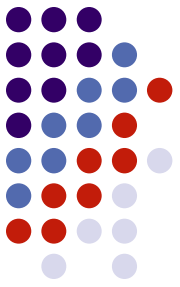
Family Support/Parenting Education

- Goal 1: Missouri's children will have their basic needs met
- Goal 2: Missouri's children are raised in a safe, stable, supportive and nurturing family environment

Early Childhood Programs

- Goal 3: Missouri's children enter school ready to succeed

ECSS Action Plan



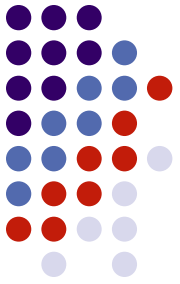
Access to Medical Home

- Goal 4: Missouri's children have a source of coordinated, comprehensive, and family-centered primary health care and services

Mental Health/Social and Emotional Development

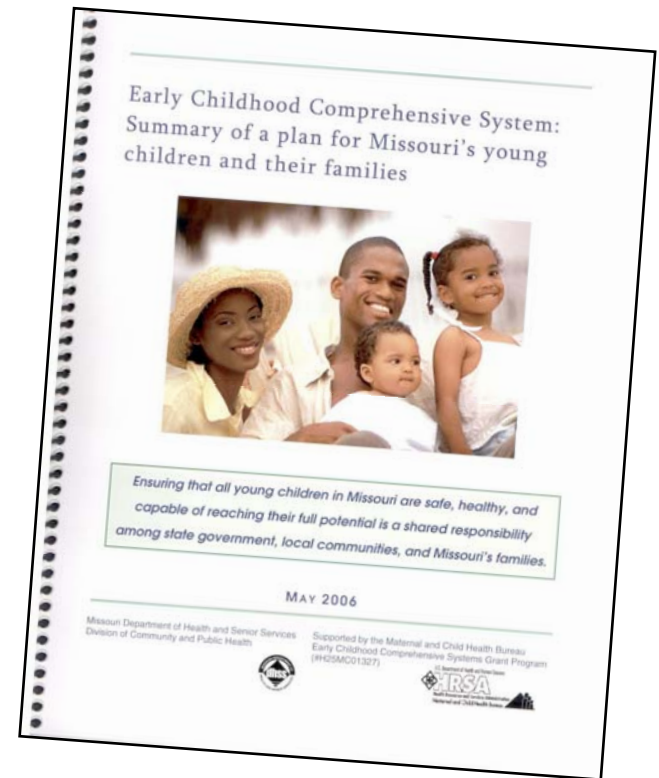
- Goal 5: Missouri's children are socially and emotionally healthy

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Missouri's ECCS Plan

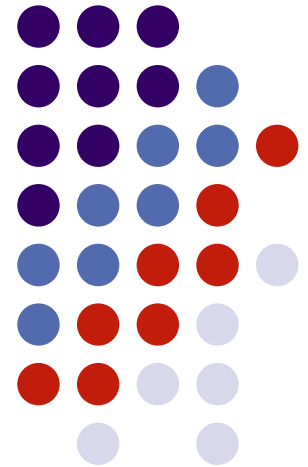
- Work in Progress
- Published in October 2005
- Submitted to Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- Endorsed by State Agencies, Missouri Head Start - State Collaboration
- Signed by Governor Matt Blunt on May 30, 2006
- Presented to Coordinating Board for Early Childhood and adopted in May 2007
- Currently under revision with updates to be posted on website summer 2008



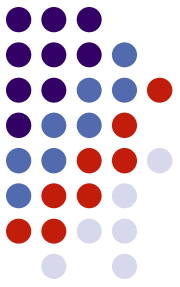
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Implementation Phase



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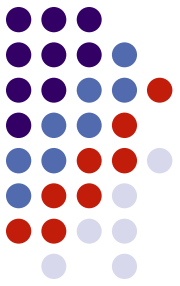


Objectives of Implementation



- Build local capacity to implement ECCS Plan
- Improve communication among local and state groups
- Increase interagency collaboration
- Expand and diversify funding for ECCS Plan

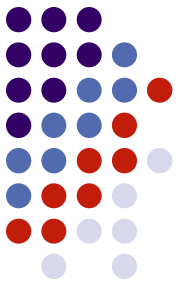
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Local Stakeholder Team Development

- Select convening organization
- Build off existing local interagency collaboratives
- Add other stakeholders to the team as identified
- Develop local initiatives to implement the ECCS Plan
- Communicate with ECCS State Steering Committee and the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

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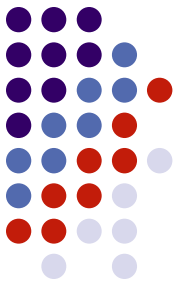


Current Status of Local Stakeholder Teams

- Existing Stakeholder Teams in 5 communities
- Developing Stakeholder Teams in 6 communities
- Complex Stakeholder Team structures in 3 urban communities

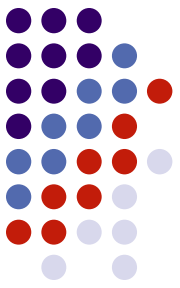


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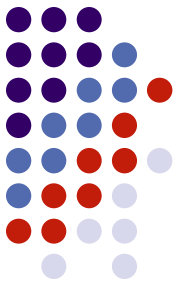


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Remember why you are doing this work...



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