

Examples of Quality Improvement Activities

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Training and Professional Development Opportunities for Providers

- ◆ Develop training curricula
- ◆ Offer grants or stipends for attending training events
- ◆ Provide transportation
- ◆ Reimburse tuition and associated school attendance costs for associate's degrees
- ◆ Pay for time off for training attendance
- ◆ Bring Child Development Associate (CDA) trainings onsite
- ◆ Make substitute providers available
- ◆ Provide trainings that relate to the use of evidence-based developmentally, culturally, and age-appropriate strategies
- ◆ Provide training that promotes all the major domains of child development and learning
- ◆ Provide training on gathering and using data to make adjustments in the physical environment and teaching practices
- ◆ Provide training on behavior management strategies and positive behavior interventions to promote positive social and emotional development
- ◆ Provide training and outreach on engaging parents and families in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways to expand their knowledge, skills, and capacity
- ◆ Provide training on nutrition and physical activity needs for young children
- ◆ Provide training regarding the neurological development of children

Compensation of Staff

- ◆ Supplement wages of staff
- ◆ Use sign-on bonuses to recruit providers for infant/toddler care or other areas of provider shortages
- ◆ Increase staff compensation in blended Head Start–child care programs to equalize salaries
- ◆ Give bonuses to providers for quality programs
- ◆ Implement cash and noncash career-ladder incentives

Health-Related Activities

- ◆ Connect providers with health consultants and specialists (for example, nutritionists, speech therapists)
- ◆ Conduct health screenings
- ◆ Conduct immunization events
- ◆ Incorporate diabetes prevention activities into curricula
- ◆ Provide car seats and professional installation

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Cultural Activities

- ◆ Incorporate tribal language instruction into programs
- ◆ Invite storytellers to perform
- ◆ Identify and promote training opportunities for parents and providers
- ◆ Provide cultural training to non-Native providers

Promoting Family Literacy

- ◆ Plan a family literacy day
- ◆ Provide early reading materials and books for children
- ◆ Require daily reading to children
- ◆ Create a book lending library for providers
- ◆ Schedule a “Fathers’ Night Out” with storytelling, books, and puppets
- ◆ Open a computer lab
- ◆ Provide support for appropriate classroom activities

School-Age Activities

- ◆ Initiate cultural activities with elders (e.g., regalia making)
- ◆ Support culturally based summer youth programs
- ◆ Collaborate with Boys and Girls Clubs
- ◆ Develop a mentor program
- ◆ Connect with drug prevention programs
- ◆ Link with teen pregnancy prevention programs

Resource and Referral and Consumer Education

- ◆ Contract with state to provide resource and referral services
- ◆ Establish a resource library for parents and providers
- ◆ Develop newsletters for providers and parents
- ◆ Create parent handbooks
- ◆ Start a toy lending library
- ◆ Develop internet-based consumer education on quality child care

Other Quality Activities

- ◆ Fund field trips
- ◆ Provide funds or equipment for library or Internet access
- ◆ Establish intergenerational centers