



# Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five (PDG B-5)

# Introductions

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# PDG B-5

- Purposes:
  - Facilitate collaboration and coordination among existing programs within the state’s early childhood care and education system
  - Strengthen the state’s integrated ECE system to prepare low-income and disadvantage children to enter kindergarten and improve transitions across early childhood into the early elementary grades
- State Grantees:
  - Initial grants: 52 (46 in 2018; 6 in 2019)
  - Renewal grants: 23 (20 in 2019, 3 additional in 2020)



# Discussion Questions

1. Share one or two things from your state's PDG B-5 work that you are especially excited about.
2. What are some of the challenges your state has encountered in your PDG B-5 work? Have you developed responses to these challenges?
3. Are there other questions you would like to ask your colleagues?