

# Strategic Support For the Preschool Development Grants Birth Through Five

Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families  
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*PDG B-5 Needs Assessment Guidance Community of Conversation*

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# Welcome!

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# PDG B-5 Communities of Conversation

- **Priority PDG B-5 TA topics**
  - Needs Assessment Guidance & Planning
  - Strategic Plan Guidance & Planning
- **Invited participants**
  - PDG B-5 Grantees plus partners, consultants
  - PDG B-5 TA Team
  - Federal Project Officers and Regional Offices
  - PDG B-5 TA partners, e.g., State Capacity Building Center
- **Voluntary**
- **Select presentations and resources**
- **Open discussion, dialogue**
  - Via phone when possible
  - Via virtual chat and Q&A pod—“multitasking” welcome (i.e., chatting when others are)!

# PDG B-5 Resource Page Available

**Can be found on the Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System (ECTTAS) Site:**

**<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/preschool-development-grant-birth-through-five>**

# Needs Assessment Guidance Conversation Approach

- Questions From Grantees
- Additional participant questions and discussion (please send as they occur to you)
- Grantee experience with needs assessment work to date
- PDG B-5 needs assessment submission process
- Conversation takeaways
- Upcoming activities and closing

# PDG B-5 Needs Assessment Questions From Grantees

- Target audience for the needs assessment
- Demographics to include
- What programs to include in terms of number of children being served?
- Defining vulnerable populations
- Measurable indicators
- Facilities
- Transition
- System integration



# Grantee Experience to Date

# PDG B-5 Needs Assessment Submission Instructions

- **Cover email/executive summary/crosswalk**
  - Indicate what materials are being submitted
  - Indicate where in your submitted needs assessment document “the needs assessment must” bullet points from the guidance and information related to the 11 domains listed can be found. For example:

Requirement/Domain	Page Number
Definition of Terms	
Focal Population for the Grant	
Number of Children Being Served and Awaiting Service	
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# Conversation Takeaways: How's it all feeling now?

# Upcoming Activities and Closing

- PDG B-5 Strategic Plan Guidance and Community of Conversation on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- National Consumer Education Resources Webinar with the State Capacity Building Center on June 13<sup>th</sup> and Ask Me Anything on June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Continued FPO communication
- Continued PDG B-5 TA Specialist communication
  - TA Specialist support
  - Peer-to-peer (P2P) opportunities
  - ACF, ED, and additional existing TA collaboration
- Provide us feedback on this Community of Conversation
- Closing remarks



# Thank you!

**Further Questions:**

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**We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions!**

- **Post CoC Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PDGB5COC>**