



# State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care

# Background



- ❖ The Head Start Reauthorization Act 2007 mandated the creation of State Advisory Councils
- ❖ Federal Government made funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
- ❖ Florida was eligible and received \$4.9 million to accomplish the proposed scope of work using the Florida Framework.
- ❖ The grant period began September 2010 and ends August 2013.

# Council Initiatives



The following identified projects to be supported and/or initiated with grant funds are in progress.

1. **Early Education and Care Needs Assessment**
2. **Early Education and Care Workforce Study**
3. **Professional Development Comprehensive System Initiative**

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## Early Education and Care Needs Assessment

- ❖ RFP has been posted
- ❖ Evaluation of technical proposals to be completed by early November 2012
- ❖ Anticipate beginning of work November 2012

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## Early Education and Care Workforce Study

- ❖ The Children's Forum is completing the data collection process
- ❖ Contract will be completed February 2013

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## Professional Development Comprehensive Initiative

- ❖ **Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) – Vendor Teachstone**
- ❖ **Observational measure focused on quality improvement through effective teacher child interactions**

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## Professional Development

### Comprehensive Initiative: Next Steps

- ❖ **E-Learning – Vendor University of Florida**
  - ❖ **Creating a cutting edge e-learning system that provides high quality content to early childhood professionals cost effectively and efficiently**

# Funding Breakdown





# Initiatives in Development



## Parental Engagement Initiatives

- ❖ Parent Leadership Ambassador Training
- ❖ ELIS Express Starter Kit