



North Carolina

Head Start – TANF Collaborative Partnerships Project

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The Landscape

- The natural symmetry between the Head Start program and the TANF/NC Work First program
- Initial findings: In spite of the natural symmetry, TANF – Head Start program coordination, partnering, and mutual awareness are generally lacking

Notes / Questions

Head Start – DSS Partnership Project Goals

- Review of **short-term** goals
- Review of <u>primary long-term</u> goal: To streamline the services and operations of NC Head Start programs and TANF programs
- Review of <u>secondary long-term</u> goals: Engage an opportunity that will lead to *discovery* and *innovation* that are sustainable*

Notes / Questions

Project Approach

- State agency planning meetings since November 2012
- Summer Regional Meetings for Head Start and TANF/NC Work First staff (virtual)
- Upcoming Competitive Funding Opportunity

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Example of "Scaffolding" (based on \$45k grant award)

December 2015 \$20,000

April 2015 \$15,000

Program implemented a better system of ongoing 2- way communication w/ DSS compared to last year

Program sustains enrollment gains previously achieved Program convened more joint trainings w/ DSS compared to last year & developed a system for aligning MRAs & FPAs

Program sustains system of ongoing, 2-way communication gains with DSS previously achieved

Program sustains enrollment gains previously achieved

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September 2014 \$10,000

Program enrolled more TANF families this year compared to last year