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**Early Childhood Programs Comparison Worksheet**

This worksheet is a component of the ECTA Center’s Preschool Inclusion Finance Toolkit: <http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/preschool_inclusion_finance_toolkit_2018.pdf>

Use this tool to help list key programs for comparison of critical program requirements and elements at the local or state level. Identify available programs and add or delete rows and columns to customize as needed. Include elements at the regional level, if such programming exists. This worksheet may be completed as a facilitated process for learning about each program. The compiled information should be updated as necessary. It could be used as a reference during collaborative agreements, as an orientation resource for new staff and for budget presentations.

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| **ELEMENTS** | **State Pre-K** | **PS Dev Grant** | **Head Start** | **Special Education** | **Title I** | **Child Care** |
| **Program Structure and Oversight** | | | | | | |
| **State Agency** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **State Lead** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Web-Site** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Regional Agency if applicable** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Local Agency** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Local Lead** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mission, Vision** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Monitoring** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Program Operations** | | | | | | |
| **Eligibility** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Enrollment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Age of children served** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Program hours** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Program calendar** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Attendance** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Communicating with families** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Referrals** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Transportation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Program Requirements** | | | | | | |
| **Class size** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Teacher-child ratio** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Minimum Teacher Qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Minimum Assistant**  **Qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Program Licensing** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Participate in QRIS (Y/N)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Required PD or training** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Child Development and Learning** | | | | | | |
| **Learning Standards** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Curriculum** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Child Assessments** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Reporting Child Progress** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Behavior Supports and Requirements** | | | | | | |
| **Positive Behavior Supports** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Suspension and Expulsion** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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