West Virginia Structure and Organization

DHHR Lead Agency for Part C, Administered through OMCFH

MIECHV and ECCS administered through OMCFH

MIECHV Director and Part C Coordinator work collaboratively on routine basis
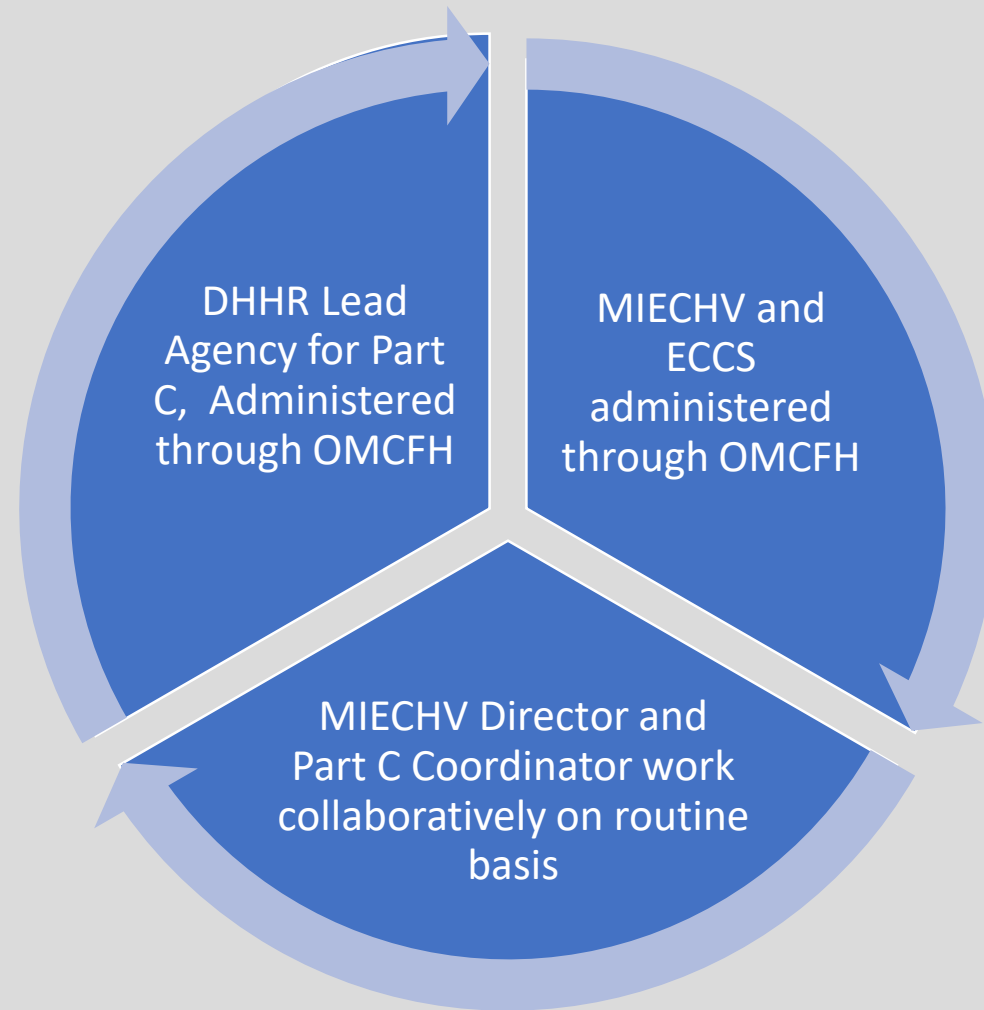
Essential Components that Support Collaboration at the State Level

Frequent Communication

Trust

Collaborative Not Competitive

Knowledgeable of Each Other's Requirements

Funding to Support Professional Development

Collaboration Across Programs in WV

1
Dealing with one of the highest opioid epidemics in the country

2
Increasing number of children entering foster system and kinship care

3
Increasing referrals to IDEA/Part C and home visiting

4
Developing processes for meeting families where they are

Impact on Programs

Decreased family engagement

Increased need for training on meeting the needs of families

Increased need for resources for families served

Increased bias on working with families

Increased nontraditional family settings

Other Collaboration at the State Level

- Number of referrals

- Number of children jointly served with HV and Part C

- Strength based and embedding the Strengthening Families framework and Protective Factors into daily work

- Understanding the impact of substance abuse on the families and not approaching families in a way that will turn a family off from services

- Realizing the critical role the early childhood provider can have at that time in a family's life

Surveys to Local Programs

Referrals
- Do you make referrals? To Whom?
- When you make referrals, do you receive information about how the referral went?

Serving Families
- Do you serve families who have infants and toddlers receiving both HV and Part C?

Barriers
- Have there been barriers that make it difficult to serve infants and toddlers who are receiving both services?

What We Learned from the Programs

Referrals are being made, follow up is received. Sometimes HV is invited to the meetings.

In some areas families may not want multiple people in their homes. In other areas, Part C and HV are jointly serving families.

Other collaborations locally include joint presentations, training and recruitment of providers.

State Level Promotion of Collaboration

Running	Running Data on Number of Children Involved in both HV and Part C - Looking for Opportunities to Promote Collaboration
Promoting	Promoting Collaboration Locally for Teams to Include both Part C and HV