

**Kentucky Community Early Childhood Councils Evaluation
Appendix B**

*State-Local Partnerships: State Comparison
July 2017*

Components	Arizona	Colorado	Iowa	Maryland	North Carolina	Oregon
Local Partnership Establishment	First Things First and early learning councils established in legislation in 2006	Early Childhood Councils established in legislation in 2007	An alliance of state agencies, organizations, and community partners formed Early Childhood Iowa in 2001	Early Childhood Councils grew out of RTT-ELC strategic planning and were established in legislation in 2014.	The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) was created to oversee local Smart Start partnerships in state statute in 1993	16 regional/ community-based Early Learning Hubs, serving 36 counties, created in legislation in 2013
Governance Structure	A State Board, First Things First, provides oversight and infrastructure support to 28 local/ regional councils for local planning and collaborative delivery of services	Each local council decides on its own governance structure and must have a fiscal sponsor to receive funding	A State Board provides oversight and infrastructure support to 39 local councils representing all 99 counties in Iowa for local planning and collaborative delivery of services	A State Board provides oversight and infrastructure support to local councils for local planning and collaborative delivery of services	The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. ensures fiscal and programmatic accountability with a network of 75 non-profit organizations serving all 100 NC counties	State agency provides funding and support to local councils for local planning and collaborative delivery of services

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Council Goals/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality early care and education and children ready for school • Stable and nurturing families • Access to health care • Integrated, and high quality early childhood system • Highly skilled and well compensated workforce • Public appreciation of children’s early years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early learning • Family support and parent education • Social, emotional, and mental health • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to high quality early care and education • Children ready for school • Stable and nurturing families • Access to health care • Safe and supportive communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish annual school readiness benchmarks • Periodic needs assessment • Action plan for increasing participation of special and underrepresented populations • Coordinate locally the RTT-ELC goals and objectives, and other initiatives • Report progress and challenges to the State Advisory Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support quality child care • Strengthen families • Advance child health and development • Improve early literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create aligned, coordinated, and family-centered early learning system • Ensure school readiness • Ensure health, stable and attached families
Funding	Local councils are funded with an additional tax on tobacco products based on birth to age 5 population	A combination of CCDF, RTT-ELC, MIECHV, and local funds are used to fund local councils on a 3-year grant cycle	State General Funds fund local councils	Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge funds are used for distribution to local councils based on child population, disability, and ELL	A combination of CCDF, state, local, and private funds fund local partnerships	State General Funds fund local councils

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Funding Levels for Local Partnerships	The total council allocation for 2016 was \$106,932,236	The total allocation to local early childhood councils in 2016-17 was \$7,684,733	Approximately \$22,000,000 was distributed to local partnerships in FY 2016	\$1.1 million was allocated from RTT-ELC funds	\$142.1 million was expended in local partnership funds in 2015-16	\$4.7 million allocated over a two year period
Child Population Under Age 5 in 2016 (US Census estimate)	436,657	337,973	200,620	367,003	608,802	237,420
Local Partnership Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of evidence-based programs • Performance, programmatic, and fiscal monitoring • Data dashboard input and reporting annually aligned to priority areas • Needs assessment every two years • Participation in longitudinal research 	Annual compliance review by State Department based on submitted evaluation report, incorporating strategic plan priority benchmark progress and accountability metrics	Annual reports are submitted and performance is evaluated via a Levels of Excellence Rating System process	Councils complete quarterly progress and annual evaluation reports on their activities using results-based accountability metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCPC monitors for adherence to performance standards • State conducts annual contract monitoring • Fiscal independent audits are required no less than every 2 years • Third-party system evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils submit reports of performance metrics based on strategic plans • Monitoring protocols were developed and visits began the spring of 2017