

Required Coordination and Integration of District Parent Involvement Programs & Activities with Early Childhood Programs

Coordination with early childhood programs is emphasized in a variety of contexts within a number of sections of NCLB because it's considered so important to student success. Within the context of parent involvement, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are required by the ESEA/NCLB to coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, public preschools and other early childhood programs in the LEA.

Purposes of coordinating and integrating parent involvement programs and activities include:

- Build parent capacity and facilitate the transition to elementary school to support student success
- Develop communication between parents and public school staff regarding student needs

Examples of joint parent involvement programs:

- Invite early childhood program parents to district parent activities
- Develop joint educational opportunities for parents (e.g., ways to increase literacy at home)
- Coordinate family literacy programs