Next Steps: BELL Year 2
Building Early Links for Learning

What have we learned so far?
- Self-assessments of family EH/TH providers
- Focus Groups
- Landscape analysis
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- Self-Assessments of family EH/TH providers in Philadelphia
  - Areas of strength identified
  - Providers express concern for and commitment to healthy development of infants and young children
  - Identified needs include specific trainings, structure, and support related to a number of issues for infants

- Need better systems for tracking enrollment and attendance rates of children experiencing homelessness
What have we learned so far?

- Focus groups with parents, housing providers, and ECE providers
  - Parents want additional support and guidance for ECE enrollment and attendance/transportation
  - Need for trauma-informed trainings and care
  - Need for frequent, ongoing, effective communication between all parties
What have we learned so far?

- Landscape Analysis of promising practices
  - Cross-systems coordination
  - Data sharing
  - Unified referral portals
  - Comprehensive services hubs
As you heard today...

- Currently completing the second round of self-assessments
- PHMC’s Landscape Analysis available
- Full report of focus group findings forthcoming
Over the next 6 months...

- Development of trainings and materials:
  - For parents to advocate for and support their children’s earliest educational opportunities
  - For housing providers and ECE providers - cross-systems training modules to inform and provide specific guidance for linking families experiencing homelessness with high quality educational opportunities for children under 5
Over the next 6 months...

- Develop strategies for data and tracking systems for enrollment and attendance

- Refinement and piloting of the new model for blended home- and center-based Head Start through PHMC

- Plan strategy session with housing providers to discuss findings from second round of self-assessments
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