



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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