

## **Overview of the State Maternal and Child Health State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (SECCS) Grants**

**Purpose of SECCS** To support State Maternal and Child Health Agencies and their partner organizations in collaborative efforts to strengthen the State's early childhood system of services for young children and their families.

**Ultimate Goal** The implementation of a Comprehensive Early Childhood Strategic Plan that promotes the health and well-being of young children, enabling them to enter school ready and able to learn.

**Why** To bridge the gaps created by multiple, non-integrated funding streams for early childhood services, a thoughtful deliberate framework needs to be established fostering integrated early childhood service systems at the federal, state and community levels.

**Grant Program** Fifty-one States received SECCS planning grants of \$100,000 per year per state in FY 2003 and 2004. The Implementation Phase of the SECCS program began September 2005. Currently 24 states plan to begin implementation of their early childhood strategic plans during the next year.

**Focus Areas** The SECCS initiative focuses upon five early childhood critical areas:

**Access to Medical Homes.** Access to medical homes providing comprehensive physical and child development services for all children including CSHCN. Access to medical homes providing assessment, intervention, and referral of children with developmental, behavioral, or psycho-social problems.

**Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development.** Availability of services to address the needs of children at-risk for the development of mental health problems. Service delivery pathways to facilitate entrance of at-risk children into appropriate child development and mental health delivery systems.

**Early Care and Education Services.** Early care and education services from birth through five years of age that support children's early learning, health, and development of social competence.

**Parent Education.** Services that provide support to parents in their role as prime educators of their children.

**Family Support Services.** Services that address the stressors impairing the ability of families to nurture and support the healthy development of their children.

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Tennessee

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