## Survey of Head Start Grantees on Training and Technical Assistance Head Start Manager/Coordinator Survey (Wave 2): Fiscal Operations

#### INTRODUCTION

**About the survey.** NORC at the University of Chicago is conducting the Survey of Head Start Grantees on Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) under a contract with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

The Head Start/Early HS director at your agency, **[agency name]**, or his or her designee, has already completed Wave 1 of the survey. In the first wave, we collected information about how Head Start programs use and experience T/TA services offered by various providers. NORC has received your name to complete the Wave 2 survey, which will give us further information about fiscal operations related to your agency's Head Start grants. Your responses will help the Office of Head Start and the Administration for Children and Families ensure that the OHS T/TA system meets program needs.

**About your participation.** Your participation in the survey is voluntary. You may refuse to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering. To maintain the confidentiality of your participation, we will remove all identifying information and replace it with a study ID. Only the researchers involved in the study will know that someone from your agency participated in the study. To minimize risks to loss of confidentiality, we are using a secure system to collect these data.

**How long it will take.** The survey will take about 45 minutes to complete. This includes time to review instructions, gather the data needed, and complete and review the survey. If you are unable to complete the survey in one sitting, please click the "Save & Exit" button to save your progress. You can return to this page and re-enter your PIN to continue the survey where you left off.

You will receive a \$25 honorarium for your participation in this survey. You will be able to choose between an Amazon giftcode (sent immediately via email), or a giftcard (sent within two-three weeks via regular mail) to thank you for your time.

**How the information will be used.** Information from this survey will be used for evaluation and program improvement purposes only (not for monitoring purposes). The information you provide will be combined with information from other grantees. At the end of the study, we will give ACF a dataset with all participants' responses, but it will not associate your agency with your responses. Your name or the name of your agency will not appear in any public document produced as part of the study. Your information will be used only for the purpose of the study and will be kept private to the extent allowed by law.

SURVEY DIRECTIONS

This questionnaire will focus on fiscal operations related to your agency's Head Start grants, including activities you may have in Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and/or Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships

(throughout this survey we refer to these programs collectively as "Head Start programs").

#### A note about terms.

As noted above, T/TA is meant to support programs in delivering high-quality Head Start services. It has two components.

**Training** is instruction or professional development to teach key concepts. It is delivered in small or large group settings, in-person or online.

**Technical Assistance** is targeted consulting for an individual or program. It is delivered in-person or online, and can include targeted resources.

If you would like more information about the study, please call 1-877-324-4157 or send an email to <u>HeadStart-TTA@norc.org</u>. If you have questions about your rights as a survey participant, you may call the NORC Institutional Review Board Administrator (toll-free) at 1-866-309-0542.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act Statement**

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## Section I. Structure and Staffing in Fiscal Operations

Let's begin with some questions about your own role and how fiscal operations are staffed in your Head Start program.

- I.1. Please enter your job title related to fiscal operations:
- 1.2. Some of the major areas of fiscal operations in Head Start programs are listed below. For each one, please indicate how much you are involved in the following:

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW					
		l am Primarily Responsible	I am Involved But Not Responsible	l am Not Involved			
a.	Strengthening financial management systems	1	2	3			
b.	Five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement	1	2	3			
с.	Data informed decision-making	1	2	3			
d.	Facilities maintenance and repair	1	2	3			
e.	Other, specify:	1	2	3			

These next questions are about strengthening financial management systems.

I.3\_1. How much are the following types of staff responsible for strengthening financial management systems in your Head Start programming?

		SELECT	ONE IN EACH	ROW	
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b. Specialized staff for fiscal operations	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c. Center director(s)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
d. Other employees of our agency	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
e. Contract workers (e.g., through a staffing firm)	99 🗖	1	2	3	4
f. Partner organizations or vendors such as a management services firm	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
g. Volunteers	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
h. EHS/HS program director	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
i. Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
j. Other, specify:	99 🗔	1	2	3	4

I.4\_1. How much would you say that **procedures** for strengthening financial management systems vary across your program?

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
		NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b.	Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
C.	Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW			
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
programs					
d. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

I.5\_1. How much would you say that **practices** for strengthening financial management systems vary across your program?

		SELECT C	ONE IN EACH	ROW	
	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b. Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c. Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership programs	99 🗌	ı	2	3	4 🗆
d. Other, specify:	99 🗔	1	2	3	4

I.6\_1. How are decisions made about the training or technical assistance that staff will receive related to strengthening financial management systems? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I don't know1	L
A program-wide decision is made2	2
Center directors decide for their staff	3
Staff members are free to select their own	1
As a manager, I work with staff to determine	5
Coordinators or supervisors decide based on individual development	
plans	5
Based on staff reviews	7
Based on data analysis	3

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Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	.9
Other (specify)	10
Not applicable	11

These next questions are about five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement.

I.3\_2. How much are the following types of staff responsible for five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement in your Head Start programming?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b. Specialized staff for fiscal operations	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c. Center director(s)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
d. Other employees of our agency	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
e. Contract workers (e.g., through a staffing firm)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
f. Partner organizations or vendors such as a management services firm	99 🗖	1	2	3	4
g. Volunteers	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
h. EHS/HS program director	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
i. Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
j. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

I.4\_2. How much would you say that **procedures** for five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement vary across your program?

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
		NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b.	Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
C.	Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early	99 🗌	1	2	3	4 🗌

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
Head Start/Child Care Partnership programs			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
d. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

I.5\_2. How much would you say that <u>practices</u> for five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement vary across your program?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
<ul> <li>Across different centers in a program</li> </ul>	99 🗌	1	2	3	4 🗔
c. Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Child Care Partnership programs	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
d. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

1.6\_2. How are decisions made about the training or technical assistance that staff will receive related to five-year planning, oversight and continuous improvement? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I don't know1
A program-wide decision is made2
Center directors decide for their staff3
Staff members are free to select their own4
As a manager, I work with staff to determine5
Coordinators or supervisors decide based on individual development plans
Based on staff reviews7
Based on data analysis8

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Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	.9
Other (specify)	. 10
Not applicable	.11

These next questions are about data-informed decision-making

1.3\_3. How much are the following types of staff responsible for data-informed decision-making in your Head Start programming?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b. Specialized staff for fiscal operations	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c. Center director(s)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
d. Other employees of our agency	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
e. Contract workers (for example, through a staffing firm)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
f. Partner organizations or vendors such as a management services firm	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
g. Volunteers	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
h. EHS/HS program director	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
i. Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
j. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

# I.4\_3. How much would you say that **procedures** for data-informed decision-making vary across your program?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW					
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL	
b. Across different centers in a program	99 🗆	1	2	3	4	
c. Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership programs	99 🗆	1	2	3	4 🗆	
d. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4	

I.5\_3. How much would you say that **practices** for data-informed decision-making vary across your program?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b. Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c. Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership programs	99 🗖	1	2	3 🗆	4 🗌
d. Other, specify:	99	1	2	3	4

1.6\_3. How are decisions made about the training or technical assistance that staff will receive related to data-informed decision-making? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I don't know	.1
A program-wide decision is made	.2

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Center directors decide for their staff	.3
Staff members are free to select their own	.4
As a manager, I work with staff to determine	5
Coordinators or supervisors decide based on individual development plans	.6
Based on staff reviews	.7
Based on data analysis	.8
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	
Other (specify)	.10
Not applicable	.11

These next questions are about facilities maintenance and repair.

1.3\_4. How much are the following types of staff responsible for facilities maintenance and repair in your Head Start programming?

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
		NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b.	Specialized staff for fiscal operations	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
c.	Center director(s)	99	1	2	3	4
d.	Other employees of our agency	99	1	2	3	4
e.	Contract workers (e.g., through a staffing firm)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
f.	Partner organizations or vendors such as a management services firm	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
g.	Volunteers	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
h.	EHS/HS program director	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

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	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW					
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL	
i. Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	99 🗌	1	2	3	4	
j. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4	

I.4\_4. How much would you say that **procedures** for facilities maintenance and repair vary across your program?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW					
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL	
b. Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4	
c. Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/ Child Care Partnership programs	99 🗆	1	2	3	4 🗆	
d. Other, specify:	99 🗌	1	2	3	4	

I.5\_4. How much would you say that **<u>practices</u>** for facilities maintenance and repair vary across your program?

		SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
		NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
b.	Across different centers in a program	99 🗌	1	2	3	4
C.	Across our different Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership	99 🗌	1	2	3	4

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW				
	NOT APPLICABL E	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
programs					
d. Other, specify:	99	1	2	3	4

I.6\_4. How are decisions made about the training or technical assistance that staff will receive related to facilities maintenance and repair? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I don't know	.1
A program-wide decision is made	2
Center directors decide for their staff	3
Staff members are free to select their own	4
As a manager, I work with staff to determine	5
Coordinators or supervisors decide based on individual development plans	6
Based on staff reviews	7
Based on data analysis	8
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	9
Other (specify)	.10
Not applicable	11

## Section II. Recent Training/Technical Assistance Experiences in Fiscal Operations

II.1. Please think about the trainings or technical assistance activities your program has experienced in fiscal operations in the past 12 months. For these next questions, please choose one training or technical assistance activity that you think has **been most** <u>useful</u> to your program. You may choose training or technical assistance received by a group of your staff or a single individual.

[Continue to select]

[Cannot recall such an activity in past 12 months]

II.2. What was the topic of that T/TA?

II.3. What was the primary mode of the T/TA?

In-person (ask 4a)1
Online (ask 4b)2
Telephone calls (ask 4c)3
Other (please specify) (ask 5):4

II.4.a. [if in-person training] Which of these best describes the type of in-person T/TA this was?

Conference1	
Workshop2	
Office of Head Start (OHS) Regional institute, academy or cluster training3	
On-site training4	
Mentoring or coaching5	
College or university course	
Some other format (specify)7	

II.4.b. [if online] Which of these best describes the type of online T/TA this was?

Peer learning group where participants learn mostly from one another1
Online only interaction with the trainer or other trainees2
Online with follow-up phone or in-person supplementation3
Online with no interaction with the trainer or other trainees, such as a

self-guided course or pre-recorded webinar.....4

II.4.c. [if by phone] Which of these best describes the type of phone T/TA this was?

		Mentoring or coaching1
		Peer learning group where participants learn mostly from one another2
		Workshop or group conference call
II.5. Wa	as th	ere planned follow-up with the trainer or within your program to build on this T/TA?
		Yes1
		No2
II.6. Do	es y	our program have an ongoing relationship with this trainer?
		Yes1
		No2
II.6.a.	Wa	as the T/TA customized to the participants' needs and abilities?
		Yes1
		No2
II.6.b.		what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and responsive to cultural, guage, and ability differences of the <b><u>children and families you serve</u></b> ?
		A Great Deal
	_	
		Somewhat2
		A little
		Not at all4
II.6.b.1	. То	what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and responsive to cultural,
		guage, and ability differences of your staff?
		A Great Deal1
		Somewhat2
		A little3
		Not at all4
II.7.	-	proximately, how many total hours of T/TA were received per person, not including time
	-	ent doing homework or reading materials?
		hours

II.8. Over how many separate sessions did the T/TA take place? For example, 1 hour each week for 3 weeks (i.e., 3 sessions), or was it one 90-minute webinar (i.e., 1 session)?

\_\_\_\_\_ # of sessions

II.9.	What best describes the person or organization that provided the T/TA?
	Associations or professional associations (e.g., NHSA, NAEYC)1
	Child care resource and referral agencies
	Conferences and workshops (offsite or virtual)
	<ul> <li>Consultants or onsite trainers (includes mental health and child care health consultants)</li></ul>
	Courses for certificate or credit
	Curriculum/product vendors
	Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (OHS website)7
	Local T/TA or offsite community partners
	Non-Head Start federally funded T/TA9
	OHS National T/TA Centers
	OHS Regional T/TA Specialists
	□ Online learning networks
	□ State/County/City offices (e.g., ECE, education, health, social services)13
II.10.	<ul><li>State Quality Rating and Improvement System</li></ul>
	□ Yes1
	□ No2
	II.10a. [If yes] What was the primary source of these funds?
	OHS discretionary T/TA funds1
	OHS operational funds2
	□ Other sources, such as grants or other restricted funds
	Unknown4

II.11. What is the role(s) or job title(s) of the people from your program who participated in the T/TA?

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II.12. Did your program have a specific goal in having staff participate in this T/TA, for example, to develop a new policy or improve particular practices?

Yes	1
No	2

II.12.a. [If yes] How would you describe the specific goals for having staff participate in this T/TA?

		Yes	No
a.	All staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
b.	Some staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
C.	Establishing new program policies and procedures	1	o 🗆
d.	Implementing a new practice	1	o 🗆
e.	Strengthening existing practice	1	o 🗆
f.	Required to meet regulations	1	o 🗆
g.	Required for continued funding	1	o 🗆
h.	Developing better techniques for a specific situation	1	o 🗆
i.	General program functioning or employee skills not related to early childhood (e.g. communication among staff, information technology skill, managing budgets, etc.)	1	0

II.13.a. Have there been any follow-up steps from this T/TA or activity?

Yes	.1
No	.2

#### II.13.b. [If Yes] What follow-up steps have you taken from this T/TA or activity?

II.14.	[Show only for first loop "good"] What are the top two reasons you found this T/TA useful to
	your program? PLEASE INDICATE 1 AND 2 FOR THE TWO TOP REASONS.

Well executed	1
Helped us meet requirements	2
Spoke to a particular problem we have	.3
Was just at the right level for our program	.4
Had concrete steps we could implement	5
Was something we are committed to	.6
We have a champion in the program to help us implement	.7
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We had the necessary resources to implement	.8
It got us thinking about our work	.9
We were able to get many people trained	.10
Other (specify)	. 11

II.15.a. [Show only for second loop "bad"] For these next questions, please choose a training or technical assistance activity that your program has received in the past 12 months, but was <u>not</u> able to apply to improve practice.

[Continue to select]

[Cannot recall such an activity in past 12 months]

II.15.b. What was the topic of that T/TA?

II.16. What was the primary mode of the T/TA?

In-person	.1
Online	.2
Telephone calls	.3
Other (please specify)	.4

II.17.a. [if in-person] Which of these best describes the type of in-person T/TAthis was?

Conference	.1
Workshop	2
OHS Regional institute, academy or cluster training	.3
On-site Training	.4
Mentoring or coaching	.5
College or university course	.6
Other format (specify):	.7

II.17.b. [if online] Which of these best describes the type of online training this was?

Peer learning group where participants learn mostly from one another1
Online only interaction with the trainer or other trainees2
Online with follow-up phone or in-person supplementation3

		Online with no interaction with the trainer or other trainees, such as a self-guided course or pre-recorded webinar	4
II.17.c.	[if b	y phone] Which of these best describes the type of phone T/TA this was?	
		Mentoring or coaching	1
		Peer learning group where participants learn mostly from one another	2
		Workshop or group conference call	3
II.18.	Wa	is there planned follow-up with the trainer or within your program to build	on this T/TA?
		Yes	1
		No	2
II.18.a.	Doe	es your program have an on-going relationship with this trainer?	
		Yes	1
		No	2
II.19.	Wa	is the T/TA customized to the participants' needs and abilities?	
		Yes	1
		No	2
II.19.b.		what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and responsiv guage, and ability differences of the <b>children and families you serve</b> ?	e to cultural,
		A Great Deal	1
		Somewhat	2
		A little	3
		Not at all	4
II.19.b.		o what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and respons guage, and ability differences of <u>your staff</u> ?	ive to cultural,
		A Great Deal	1
		Somewhat	2
		A little	3
		Not at all	4

II.20. Approximately, how many total hours of T/TA were received per person, not including time spent doing homework or reading materials?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

II.21. Over how many separate sessions did the T/TA take place? For example, 1 hour each week for 3 weeks (i.e., 3 sessions), or was it one 90-minute webinar (i.e., 1 session)?

\_\_\_\_ # of sessions

II.22. What best describes the person or organization that provided the T/TA?

		Associations or professional associations (e.g., NHSA, NAEYC)	1
		Child care resource and referral agencies	2
		Conferences and workshops (offsite or virtual)	3
		Consultants or onsite trainers (includes mental health and child care health consultants)	4
		Courses for certificate or credit	5
		Curriculum/product vendors	6
		Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (OHS website)	7
		Local T/TA or offsite community partners	8
		Non-Head Start federally funded T/TA	9
		OHS National T/TA Centers	10
		OHS Regional T/TA Specialists	11
		Online learning networks	12
		State/County/City offices (e.g., ECE, education, health, social services)	13
		State Quality Rating and Improvement System	14
II.23.	Did	l your program incur any costs for this T/TA?	
		Yes	.1
		No	2
	II.2	3a. [If yes] What was the primary source of these funds?	
		OHS discretionary T/TA funds	1
		OHS operational funds	2
		Other sources, such as grants or other restricted funds	3
		Unknown	.4

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II.24. What is the role(s) or job title(s) of the people from your program who participated in the T/TA?

II.25. Did your program have a specific goal in having staff participate in this T/TA, for example, to develop a new policy or improve particular practices?

Yes	1
No	2

II.25.a. [If Yes] How would you describe the specific goals for having staff participate in this T/TA?

		Yes	No
a.	All staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
b.	Some staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
c.	Establishing new program policies and procedures	1	o 🗆
d.	Implementing a new practice	1	o 🗆
e.	Strengthening existing practice	1	o 🗆
f.	Required to meet regulations	1	o 🗆
g.	Required for continued funding	1	o 🗆
h.	Developing better techniques for a specific situation	1	o 🗆
i.	General program functioning or employee skills not related to early childhood (e.g. communication among staff, information technology skill, managing budgets, etc.)	1	o 🗌

II.26.a. Have there been any follow-up steps from this T/TA or activity?

Yes1
No2

II.26.b. [If Yes] What follow-up steps have you taken from this T/TA or activity?

11.27.	[Show only for second loop "bad"] What is the main reason this T/TA was hard for your program to apply to its fiscal operations work?			
		T/TA addressed an issue we don't have1		
		Our program is not ready to implement the ideas or actions from the T/TA2		
		Our program had already been implementing the ideas or actions from the T/TA3		
		It was difficult to find concrete next steps to implement4		
		We do not have the resources to implement5		
		Not a high enough priority for the program6		
		We are too busy7		
		Other (specify)8		

## Section III. Selected Practice Area within Fiscal Operations

These next questions focus on specific practices within Fiscal Operations: Strengthening Financial Management Systems.

III.1.a. How much would you say each of the following describes your program's fiscal operations practices?

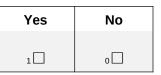
	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW			
	NOT AT ALL	NOT VERY MUCH	SOMEWHA T	A GREAT DEAL
Management and/or direct services staff use fiscal policies and procedures to guide program planning and financial decisions.	1	2	3	4
We use data for planning and developing the budget.	1	2	3	4

#### III.1.b. About how often does your program engage in the following?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW			
	NOT AT ALL	ABOUT ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS	ABOUT ONCE EVERY OTHER YEAR	ABOUT ONCE A YEAR
Discussions about financial operations take place among all staff who have a fiscal role (including fiscal staff, management staff, and direct services staff).	1	2	3	4
Fiscal staff receive training and/or technical assistance on implementing fiscal policies and procedures	1	2	3	4
Management and direct services staff receive training on fiscal policies and procedures.	1	2	3	4

III.2.a. Please indicate Yes or No in response to the following question.

Do you have at least one fiscal officer or manager who has a 4-year college degree or higher in accounting, business, finance or financial management?



III.2. b. Within the last 3 years, how many clean audits did your program have?

None	0
One	1
Тwo	2
Three	3

III.3. How much would you say the strength of financial management systems varies across your program?

Highly uniform across the program1
Some variation but mostly consistent across the program2
Considerable variation across the program3

□ I do not know the extent of variation across our program in this practice......4

III.4. Please think about your program's financial management systems strengths during the 2017-2018 program year (two years ago). Which of the following best describe any changes between that year and the current year:

Our financial management systems are about same as they were two years ago
 In the past two years, we have improved our financial management

□ I don't know (ask III.6)......4

[If no change (first choice is selected, or I don't know), then SKIP to III.6]

III.5. What is the main source that has <u>informed</u> the program's changes to its financial management systems in the past two years?

Increased spending	1
Received training or technical assistance	2
Followed regulatory requirements or guidance	3
Had a resource within the agency who championed the change	4
Staff turnover in our centers	5
Other (specify)	6

III.5a.	What is the main source that has supported or enabled the program's changes to its financial
	management systems in the past two years?

Increased spending1
Received training or technical assistance2
Followed regulatory requirements or guidance3
Had a resource within the agency who championed the change4
Staff turnover in our centers5
Other (specify)6

III.6. What are the two main challenges the program has faced or currently faces in how it strengthens financial management systems?

Our workload is too large for our staff to do as much strengthening as would like	
Our current practice requires a great deal of staff time	2
Current practice requires large financial expenditures	3
We do not have the technical expertise or materials	4
Legal or logistical challenges	5
The current practice is not working well for us	6
Our financial management systems are controlled by another agency	7
Staff turnover in our centers	8
Other (specify)	9

III.7. (If III.5=2 or III.5a=2, then skip to III.8. else ask:) **Last year**, did your program receive any training or technical assistance on strengthening financial management systems?

Yes	1
No	2

III.8. What best describes who provided the training or technical assistance? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

	Associations or	professional	associations (e.g	,, NHSA, NA	AEYC)	1
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□ Child care resource and referral agencies......2

		Conferences and workshops (offsite or virtual)	.3
		Consultants or onsite trainers (includes mental health and child care health consultants)	.4
		Courses for certificate or credit	.5
		Curriculum/product vendors	.6
		Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (OHS website)	.7
		Local T/TA or offsite community partners	.8
		Non-Head Start federally funded T/TA	.9
		OHS National T/TA Centers	.10
		OHS Regional T/TA Specialists	.11
		Online learning networks	.12
		State/County/City offices (e.g., ECE, education, health, social services)	.13
		State Quality Rating and Improvement System	.14
111.9.	Did	your program incur any costs for this T/TA?	
		Yes	.1
		No	2
	_	9a. [If yes] What was the primary source of these funds?	
		OHS Discretionary T/TA funds	
		OHS operational funds	
		Other sources, such as grants or other restricted funds	
		Unknown	.4

III.10. What is the role(s) or job title(s) of the people from your program who participated in the T/TA?

III.11. To what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and responsive to cultural, language, and ability differences of the **children and families you serve**?

A Great Deal	.1
Somewhat	.2
A little	.3
Not at all	.4
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III.11a. To what extent was the training or technical assistance inclusive and responsive to cultural, language, and ability differences of **your staff**?

A Great Deal	1
Somewhat	2
A little	3
Not at all	4

- III.12. How well did the level of the training or technical assistance match the level of your program's participants?
  - □ Training/technical assistance was too basic for our participants......1
  - □ Training/technical assistance was just right for our participants......2

III.13. Thinking about this training or technical assistance, how satisfied were you with...

		SELECT ONE IN E	ACH ROW	
	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIE D
a. The quality of the instruction	1	2	3	4
b. The instructors' knowledge and expertise	1	2	3	4
c. The materials provided	1	2	3	4
d. The content of the information	1	2	3	4
e. Other, specify:	1	2	з 🗌	4

III.14. Did your agency have a specific goal for participating in that training or technical assistance?

Yes (ask III.15)1	
No (skip to III.16)2	

III.15. How well was your agency able to achieve that goal through the training or technical assistance? Page 27 of 34 Wave 2 - FiscalOperations (Updated January 2020)

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Completely achieved1
Partially achieved2
Not achieved3

### III.16. What other investments did the program make to support the training or technical assistance?

	Yes	No
b. Travel or other expenses other than training costs	1	0
c. Costs for purchasing equipment or materials	1	o 🗆
d. Follow-up T/TA to implement what was learned in the original T/TA activity	1	о 🗆
e. Additional T/TA to implement what was learned in the original T/TA activity	1	о 🗆
f. Other (specify):	1	o 🗆

III.17 Do you feel that additional training or technical assistance would help your program improve the strength of its financial management systems?

Yes1	
Maybe2	
Probably Not3	

## Section IV. Training/Technical Assistance Needs in Fiscal Operations

IV.1. For the current program year (2019-2020), what are your program's main training or technical assistance priorities in fiscal operations? Please include professional development for individual staff as well as program technical assistance or training priorities.

[PLEASE RECORD UP TO FOUR PRIORITIES]

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

IV.2. Please indicate whether any of the listed priorities can be described as follows:

	Yes	No
a. All staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
b. Some staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗆
c. Establishing new program policies and procedures	1	o 🗆
d. Implementing a new practice	1	o 🗆
e. Strengthening existing practice	1	o 🗆
f. Required to meet regulations	1	o 🗆
g. Required for continued funding	1	o 🗆
h. Developing better techniques for a specific situation	1	o 🗆
<ul> <li>General program functioning or employee skills not related to early childhood (e.g. communication among staff, information technology skill, managing budgets, etc.)</li> </ul>	1	o 🗌
j. Other (specify):	1	0

IV.3. How confident are you that your program will be able to achieve its training and technical assistance priorities for fiscal operations this year?'

Very confident	.1
Somewhat confident	.2
Not very confident	.3
Not at all confident	.4

IV.4. What challenges does your program encounter in its efforts to obtain the training and technical assistance it would like for fiscal operations? To what extent do each of the following factors make it difficult for your program to <u>get</u> the training and technical assistance it would like for fiscal operations?

	SELECT ONE IN EACH ROW			
	NOT AT ALL	NOT VERY MUCH	SOMEWHA T	A GREAT DEAL
a. Available T/TA are too expensive	1	2	3	4
b. Difficult to make staff time for T/TA	1	2	3	4
c. Not very much T/TA available in our area	1	2	3	4
d. T/TA are far away or at inconvenient times	1	2	3	4
e. We do not have staff time or budget to implement what the T/TA recommended	1	2	3	4
f. Do not like the quality of the T/TA that are available	1	2	3	4

IV.5. Please think about your program's goals for fiscal operations. How satisfied are you with the training and technical assistance available to help you achieve these goals?

Very satisfied1
Somewhat satisfied2
Not very satisfied3
Not at all satisfied4

IV.6. How satisfied are you with different types of training and technical assistance providers that may be available to help your program achieve its goals related to fiscal operations? Some of these provider types may not be available to you.

	SEL	ECT ONE	IN EACH	ROW		
	NOT AT ALL	NOT VERY MUCH	SOM EWH AT	A GREAT DEAL	NOT AVAILABL E TO US	DON'T KNOW
a. Associations or professional associations (e.g., NHSA, NAEYC)	1	2	3	4	5	77
b. Child care resource and referral agencies	1	2	3	4	5	77
c. Conferences and workshops (offsite or virtual)	1	2	3	4	5	77
d. Consultants or onsite trainers (includes mental health and child care health consultants)	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌
e. Courses for certificate or credit	1	2	3	4	5	77
f. Curriculum/product vendors	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌
g. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (OHS website)	1	2	3	4	5	77
h. Local T/TA or offsite community partners	1	2	3	4	5	77
i. Non-Head Start federally funded T/TA	1	2	3	4	5	77
j. OHS National T/TA Centers	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌
k. OHS Regional T/TA Specialists	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌
I. Online learning networks	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌

m. State/County/City offices (e.g., ECE, education, health, social services)	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌
n. State Quality Rating and Improvement System	1	2	3	4	5	77 🗌

IV.7. Is there a type of training or technical assistance in fiscal operations that you would like to get for your program but you have not been able to obtain?

Yes	L
No (skip to IV.11)	2

IV.8. Please list one type of training or technical assistance you would like to get but have not been able to obtain:

IV.9. Would you describe the area of training or technical assistance you were unable to obtain on (INSERT TEXT FROM iv.8) as ...

		Yes	No
a.	All staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗌
b.	Some staff need to build capacity in this area	1	o 🗌
c.	Establishing new policies and standards	1	o 🗖
d.	Implementing a new practice	1	o 🗖
e.	Strengthening existing practice	1	o 🗖
f.	Required to meet regulations	1	o 🗖
g.	Required for continued funding	1	о 🗆
h.	Developing better techniques for a specific situation	1	o 🗖
i.	General program functioning or employee skills not related to early childhood (e.g. communication among staff, information technology skill, managing budgets, etc.)	1	0

IV.10. What is the main reason you have not been able to obtain this T/TA

Available T/TA are too expensive1	L
Difficult to make staff time for T/TA2	2
Not very many T/TA available in our area	3

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General schedule obstacles4
T/TA are far away or at inconvenient times5
We do not have the resources to support work after the T/TA6
Do not like the quality of the T/TA that are available7
Limited access to technology8
Other (specify)9

IV.11. Do you have any other comments about the training and technical assistance available to your program for fiscal operations activities?

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