

## HS CoIIN members are HS grantees:

Alameda County  
Healthy Start Initiative

Baltimore City  
Healthy Start, Inc.

Birmingham Healthy  
Start Plus, Inc.

Boston Healthy  
Start Initiative

California Border  
Healthy Start

Camden Healthy Start

Central Hillsborough  
Healthy Start

Detroit Healthy  
Start Project

DC Healthy  
Start

Greater Harlem  
Healthy Start

Healthy Start Brooklyn

Healthy Start of  
New Orleans

Healthy Start, Inc.  
Pittsburgh

Midwest Healthy  
Start Initiative

Moms First  
Healthy Start

NC Baby Love Plus

Northwest Indiana  
Healthy Start

PDPH Healthy Start

San Antonio  
Healthy Start

South Phoenix  
Healthy Start

The Healthy Start CoIIN is a partnership of Healthy Start grantees dedicated to strengthening Healthy Start services and systems, in order to advance program goals to reduce infant mortality and improve birth outcomes. The HS CoIIN functions as an Expert Panel to the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) and the HS EPIC Center, the training and technical assistance provider for the program.

## HS CoIIN Goals and Objectives

Through a structured process of best practices review and discussion, the HS CoIIN seeks to identify and promote implementation of standardized evidence-based and field-tested approaches to essential HS components such as perinatal risk assessment, care coordination, participant engagement and empowerment, and fostering Collective Impact and local systems integration through Community Action Networks (CAN). The specific objectives of the HS CoIIN are to:

- Promote communication among/between grantees, DHSPS and HS EPIC Center to ensure all grantees have a voice in setting the direction for HS
- Brainstorm and test opportunities to strengthen the program especially related to standardizing components of the HS model
- Disseminate lessons learned to the HS community
- Promote HS as an effective and vital community based resource in all communities to ensure the long-term success of HS.

## Collaborative Learning: From HS Grantees to the HS CoIIN and Back

The HS CoIIN will articulate best practices and quality improvement guidance based on state-of-science and rooted in grantee experience serving HS participants. Through a series of ongoing discussion forums on priority topics HS grantees across the country will share elements for success and implementation challenges with each other, and feed their findings to the HS CoIIN. The CoIIN in turn will review, distill and integrate these findings to make recommendations for standards of practice for HS programs. Once approved by DHSPS, these recommendations will be disseminated by the HS CoIIN to all HS grantees.

## Operating Structure of the HS CoIIN

The HS CoIIN meets monthly, including day-long face-to-face sessions 2 times per year, with conference calls in the interim. Two CoIIN members serve as Co-Chairs, for rotating six-month terms. The HS EPIC Center provides support to plan and facilitate meetings, identify issues and information needs, and communicate findings to the larger HS grantee community.

## Relationship of the HS CoIIN to the Infant Mortality CoIIN

While both CoIINs are concerned with reducing infant mortality, the HS CoIIN is focused specifically on enhancing the Healthy Start program and developing Healthy Start standards of practice. The HS CoIIN will maintain ongoing communication and information exchange with the Infant Mortality CoIIN as well as with the Home Visiting CoIIN to ensure that relevant lessons learned are reflected in Healthy Start practice.

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