

Transformation Zone Evaluation RFA
 Questions
 October 28, 2013

- 1) Are there data available for the strategies? If so, what data exist and would they be available to the evaluator?

There are data available for the evaluator, including:

- Descriptive information about the strategies
- Information about the people who provide the strategies
- Information about the agency or organization where the strategies are provided
- For some strategies, previous evaluations reports might also be available.

All strategies conduct their own evaluations and strategy-level evaluation information will be made available to the evaluator, as appropriate. As a reminder, this evaluation is not intended to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies themselves.

- 2) Is each county implementing all of the set of strategies? If not, which strategies are being implemented by each of the counties?

Each county will attempt to implement all these strategies.

- 3) Approximately how many children/families are participating in each strategy in each county, and approximately how many staff are involved in implementing the strategies in each county?

| Strategy | Target number of participating children/families | *Staff involved in strategy implementation |
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| Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) | TBD – the strategy is enhancing skills of child care health consultants and increases the number of child care health consultants serving the 4 counties | 1 FTE Eastern Regional CCHC coach, 2 FTE CCHCs to support TZ counties |
| Healthy Social Behaviors | TBD – the strategy enhances skills of preschool teachers and increases the number of HSBS serving the 4 counties | 1 FTE Healthy Social Behavior Specialist |
| Infant Toddler Expansion Program | 125 slots | 1 FTE Infant Toddler Specialist |
| North Carolina Babies First | 110 slots | 1 FTE Infant Toddler Specialist |

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| Motheread | TBD – depending on county literacy needs assessment | 2 lead trainers and TBD local community staff/members |
| Reach Out and Read | TBD – depending on county literacy needs assessment | TBD |
| Northeast Connects | 80% of total births in 4 counties (or approximately 900 births according to 2011 data = 720 births) | 1 FTE Coordinator, TBD FTE Admin position, 1 FTE Data Coordinator, 4 FTE Nurses |
| Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) | Triple P is population-based; Total number of families in the TZ counties = 3,381 Total number of children 0-5 years old = 6151 | 2.5 FTE Coordinators |

*The table reflects RTT-ELC funded staff to support implementation of strategies in the four TZ counties. In addition, each strategy has support from a state purveyor, existing regional staff, and state and local implementation specialists/coaches and teams.

- 4) Approximately how many people are on the Leadership Team of each county? What about for the Implementation Team?

In each county, there are approximately, 5-10 members on the County Leadership Team, and 3-5 members on the County Implementation Teams.

- 5) Who are generally part of the Leadership and Implementation Teams?

The County Leadership Teams generally consist of county leaders from local Smart Start Partnerships, Health Departments, Departments of Social Services, School Districts, representatives from Head Start, private medical/child care providers, regional Child Care Resource and Referrals agencies, Community Colleges, and local early childhood champions.

The County Implementation Teams generally consist of local Smart Start Partnerships, Health Departments, Departments of Social Services, School Districts, representatives from Head Start, regional Child Care Resource and Referrals agencies, local early childhood champions and a County Implementation Coach. County Implementation Team members are expected to dedicate 10 hours per week to the work relating to the Transformation Zone. Each county's Implementation Coach works full time to coordinate implementation efforts amongst the team and coach team members in applying implementation frameworks.