



Preschool Development Grant Overview

Minnesota recently received a \$4,705,605 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help design an even better early learning landscape for children and families. The one-year long planning grant runs from December 31, 2018 until December 30, 2019.

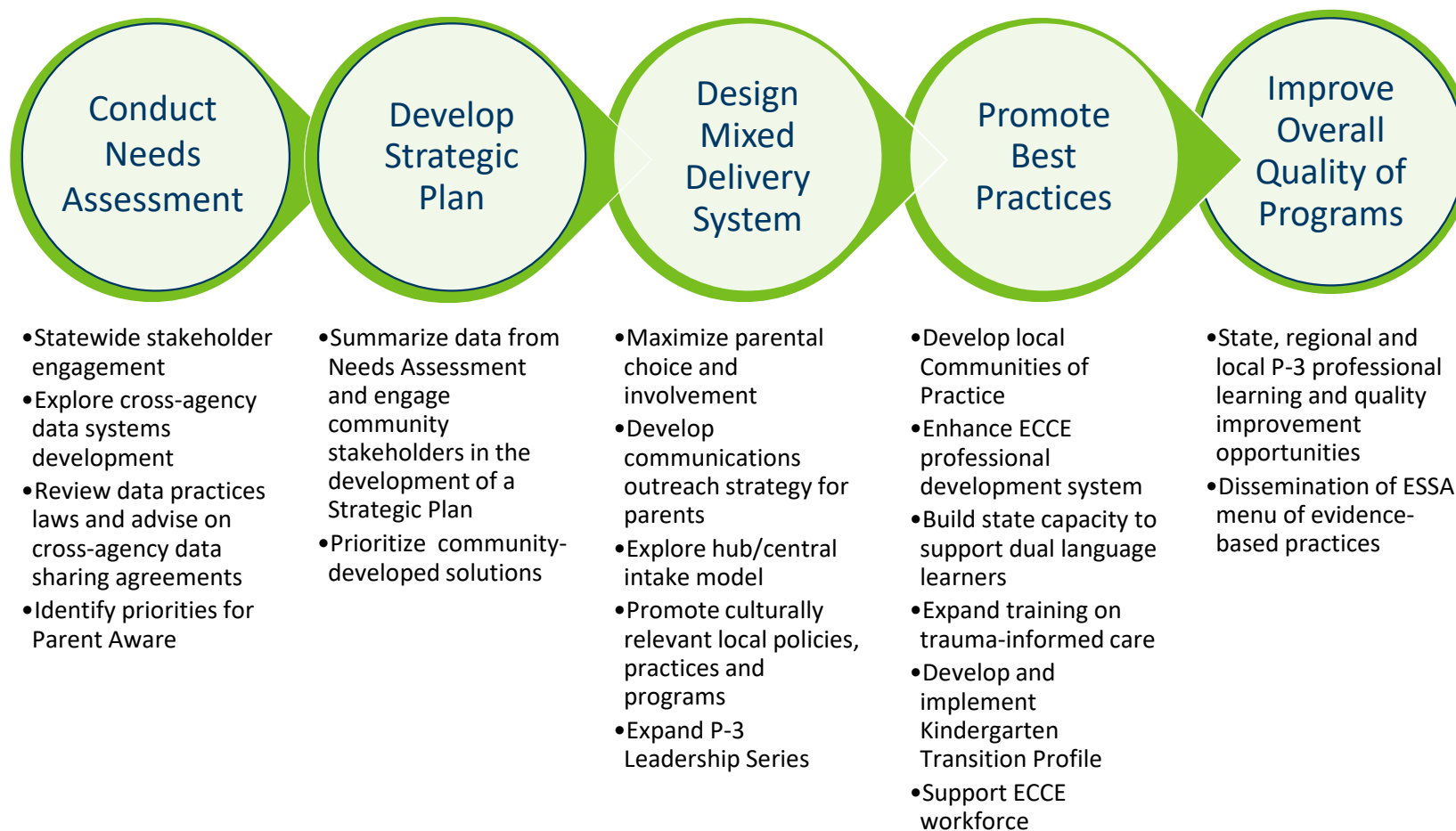
Planning Year Priorities

Minnesota's Preschool Development Birth through 5 grant will focus on finding ways to better serve children facing racial, geographic, and economic inequities so they can be born healthy and thrive within their families and community. The grant supports the state's vision by aligning and coordinating multiple systems to help families with young children (prenatal to age 5) navigate through the system more efficiently.

Minnesota will:

1. Conduct a needs assessment in partnership with communities most impacted and develop a strategic plan to facilitate **collaboration** and **coordination** among **existing** programs of early childhood care and education (ECCE) in a **mixed delivery system** for low-income and disadvantaged children.
2. Find ways to improve **transitions** from systems into local educational agencies or elementary schools to:
 - a. More efficiently align federal, state and local resources.
 - b. Coordinate delivery of models and funding streams.
 - c. Develop recommendations to better use existing resources to:
 - i. Increase participation in a mixed delivery system
 - ii. Improve program quality
 - iii. Prioritize parental choice
 - iv. Increase school readiness for children who are low-income and disadvantaged, and ensure effective transitions into elementary school
3. Encourage **partnerships** among Head Start providers, state and local governments, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, private entities and local educational agencies.
4. Build a highly skilled and diverse workforce to meet demand, address brain science, trauma-informed care, and implicit bias.

Five Preschool Development Grant Activities and Priorities



Preschool Development Renewal Grant

All states awarded a one-year planning grant are eligible to apply for a preschool development renewal grant to implement plans from the planning year. States can apply for the funding between August - October 2019. States awarded a renewal grant will require a 30 percent state match, and must include a plan to award sub-grants.