

LEA Title I Plans: Encouraging Early Learning

LEAs may reserve funds to provide early childhood programs for Title I eligible children (e.g., district or school operated preschool, services for eligible children through coordination with other provider, extended day, comprehensive services). Sec. 1113(C)(5) and Sec. 1007(3)(A)(5)

LEA using Title I funds must **coordinate** with other early childhood providers in the community, implement **transition** to kindergarten plans for all preschoolers, and Title I provided services must comply with **performance standards in the Head Start Act** (specifically the curriculum and learning environment standards).

A school that operates a **schoolwide program** may use funds to establish or enhance preschool programs for children who are under 6 years of age. Sec. 1114(c)

- *To what extent does Title I currently support early learning? Do you have models to build upon?*
- *What types of uses do you anticipate, e.g. extending current programs to full day, district-operated programs, and professional development for preschool providers?*
- *How will SEA define, promote, and support coordination and transition activities at local level?*
- *What supports will be needed to assure compliance with Head Start performance standards?*

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