Braiding Federal Funding to Expand Access to Quality Early Care and Education and Early Childhood Supports and Services: A Tool for States and Local Communities

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This tool aims to support states and local communities in combining, integrating, or coordinating multiple federal funding sources—such as Head Start and the Child Care and Development Fund—to expand access to high-quality early care and education (ECE) and comprehensive early childhood and family support services within a unified system. It provides guidance for those looking to integrate funding streams, offering insights into the process and directing them to available resources for assistance.

- Page 6/7 describes resources about key funding streams that can be used to expand access to comprehensive child and family services
- Page 24 compiles resources to help States align requirements of Medicaid with other programs
- Page 27 provides guidance on building collaboration amongst agencies

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