**GUIDANCE REGARDING 32p EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING FUNDS**

The 2020-2021 formula distribution requires a minimum of $15,000 of the allocation be designated for early childhood programming.

The 32p Block Grant early childhood programming funds must address the needs of young children and their families in the geographic area covered by the GSC, with the majority of the funds/resources targeted toward priority needs and services which are identified in the GSC strategic plan. Funds must be designated to services and supports that contribute to the OGS Outcomes.

* Children born healthy;
* Children healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth to 3rd grade;
* Children developmentally ready to successes in school at the time of school entry;
* Children prepared to succeed in 4th grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

Funds must be designated to programs that are research-based, evidenced-based or an emerging best practice.

Funds may not directly target 4 year old children.

All sub-recipients of 32p Block Grant early childhood programming funds must complete State required MSDS data collection.