

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATIVE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tri-County Head Start

- ❖ **Tri-County purchases “slots” and the contracting agency provides comprehensive child development services.**
 - The Contracting agency would meet Head Start performance standards regarding programming for young children and Head Start performance standards regarding services to family.
 - This would include health, mental health, special services, family services, nutrition, education and parent involvement.
 - Monitoring is done by program manager assigned to this location. Some services are contracted, some services are provided by Tri-County. All of the children receive the same level of service.

- ❖ **Tri-County provides staff.**
 - Contracting agency provides certified teacher, Tri-County provides assistant teachers and family worker.
 - Tri-County pays per child or salary of certified teacher.
 - Partnership provides space, nutrition services, and education services.
 - Because Tri-County staff members are involved, greater monitoring takes place by program manager.
 - Lots of variations to this theme

- ❖ **Entities jointly run program for three- to five-year-olds.**
 - All children enrolled receive the same level of service. This works for part-day or full-day programming.
 - Teachers jointly plan for the week, use the same materials and share ideas with one another.
 - The use of space becomes flexible.
 - The children in wrap around or full day services join one another in the afternoon.
Example: Currently the two Head Start Classrooms are empty in the afternoon. The two Head Start classrooms could be using one room for a morning and afternoon group and giving “Kidsville” the space to expand toddler programming or room for the school ages.

- ❖ **Tri-County rents space and runs separate program without any integration of services.**

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