Suggested Stakeholders for Completing the Infant Toddler State Self-Assessment Checklist

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At a minimum, representatives of the following stakeholders should be included in the group completing the Infant Toddler State Self-Assessment Checklist:

- Program administrators in state agencies responsible for children's health, mental health, child care (quality, licensing, and subsidies), early childhood education, family support/parenting programs, home visiting, early intervention, child welfare, family economic security, nutrition programs, and any other major programs that serve infants, toddlers, and their families
- Professional development projects/initiatives for professionals working with young children
- Researchers and faculty in institutions of higher education
- Professionals working with infants, toddlers and their families and/or organizations that represent them. This includes: health and mental health professionals, child welfare professionals, and providers working in child care, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, home visiting, and family support/parenting programs
- Outreach and support programs for family, friend and neighbor caregivers
- Cultural institutions with a focus on young children such as libraries and children's museums
- Advocacy organizations concerned with young children
- Parents or parent organizations
- The State Early Childhood Advisory Council and other state-level early childhood system-building or coordination entities
- Local level early childhood coalitions/coordinating bodies, if they exist
- Any early childhood system-building grants/initiatives

In addition, consideration should be given to including representatives of the following stakeholders:

- Funders such as foundations, corporations, or state agencies
- High level elected or appointed officials (or their senior advisors on issues related to young children) in positions of authority over services for infants and toddlers
- United Way or other community-based organizations
- Representatives from law enforcement and the judicial system
- Ethnic and cultural groups
- Faith-based groups
- Civic groups
- Senior citizen service organizations that support grandparents caring for young children
- Housing or homelessness groups
- Poverty-reduction initiatives
- Nutrition and obesity prevention initiatives
- Multi-generation groups
- Military or veteran groups

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