



Early Head Start/Head Start
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Roundtables Sessions:

- Provide an opportunity for discussing problems and/or sharing ideas about innovative practice in service provision.
- Provide the opportunity for staff from all three programs to share information with each other on topics of interest and relevance as related to the Institute theme of School Readiness.
- Do not have audiovisual and are not formal presentations

Roundtable Session Leaders:

- Provide context and a framework for the conversation/topic
- Prepare a preliminary set of questions for exploring the topic.
- Facilitate the dialogue giving participants the opportunity to share their own knowledge of and experience with the topic as well as learn from the experience of others in the session.
 - Guiding questions should be open ended to promote discussion and interaction (i.e. use the terms discuss, interpret, explain, evaluate, compare, if, what if).
 - Questions should provide participants the opportunity to consider a variety of perspectives and approaches.
 - Questions should allow everyone to participate at her/his own level and, since the response depends on the viewpoint of the individual, there are no “wrong” answers.”
 - Include several prompts and/or follow up questions to stimulate an interactive conversation.

Handouts:

Each Round Table Leader should provide a one page handout for interested participants. The handout should include a brief introduction to the topic and list of relevant resources

- The brief introduction may be shared verbally also as you provide the context for the conversation.
- Identify and include 4-5 high quality resources (peer reviewed) that are recent (published within the past 5 years) or seminal pieces of literature. This could be books, articles, websites, or key organizations.
- Bring 30 copies of your handout. Conference participants who do not stay at your table may be interested in taking a copy.

Logistics

Your table will be numbered. Please leave the Luncheon Panel Discussion promptly so that you can go directly to your assigned table to facilitate discussion.