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About Head Start Self-Assessment

WHAT IS THE HEAD START SELF-ASSESSMENT?



Self-assessment uses data from ongoing monitoring to evaluate the program's progress towards meeting goals, compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards throughout the program year, and the effectiveness of the professional development and family engagement systems in promoting school readiness.

WHY DO WE COMPLETE A SELF-ASSESSMENT?



The annual self-assessment provides Head Start programs with a mechanism for ensuring programs are doing the right things. It also gives programs a chance to identify and make necessary course corrections. Self-assessment requirements are addressed in achieving program goals, 45 CFR §1302.102(b)(2). This section describes self-assessment as a process for using data to monitor progress toward program goals, compliance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS), and effectiveness in promoting school readiness.