

# Project Startup Report

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Project Name:** ND ECIDS (Early Childhood Integrated Data System)

**Agency Name:** DPI/DHS/COH/DOC/NDIT

**Project Sponsor:** Kirsten Baesler and Chris Jones

**Project Manager:** Kris Vollmer

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This program is taking an interagency approach. The IDPDG team is comprised of members from DHS, DPI, DoH, DoC and NDIT. The team is committed to building a high-quality birth to five- year old (B-5) early care and education system (ECE) that enables vulnerable children to have a strong foundation for kindergarten. Our focus is on increasing collaboration, coordination and efficiency through shared data capabilities, early relationship, and quality services in the B-5 ECE.

The State will be able to make data-based decisions regarding service and program which will lead to efficiency and effectiveness. State will be able to make better decisions, parents able to make better decisions, and a better use of taxpayer dollars

The program will plan for an ECIDS solution that will align with the common data standards. The program will develop an online solution to engage parents and providers to early child care programs and services.

## BUSINESS NEEDS AND PROBLEMS

Improve the coordination and provision of early care and education services (ECE); alleviate redundant data entry on children participating in multiple programs by allowing information about a single child to be linked across various data systems.

Connect children and their families to appropriate services and to understand how child outcomes may relate to various characteristics to children's progress toward school readiness.

Create the ability to ensure that early childhood data collected are developmentally appropriate, valid and reliable, using scientifically sound instruments.

## PROJECT BASELINES

Project Start Date	Baseline Start Date	Baseline End Date	Baseline Budget
12/1/2019	6/22/2020	12/31/2020	\$1,036,200.00

**Notes:**

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## OBJECTIVES

Business Objective	Measurement Description
Create an Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Dakota will have an updated needs assessment informing the strategic plan for the B-5 system.</li> <li>North Dakota will have increased partners and stakeholder input in all aspects of B-5.</li> <li>North Dakota B-5 programs will have a system to share resources and data to improve B-5 services.</li> <li>North Dakota will have a plan to integrate PD across B-5 systems.</li> <li>Providers will understand and use high-quality B-5 practices.</li> <li>Transition resources and information will be available and be used across the B-5 system by providers and families.</li> </ul>
Develop a strategy and requirement to engage and lead parents and providers to ECE services/programs online.	Parents will have increased information and engagement about B-5 services.
Transition data from Early Head Start/Head Start TS-GOLD to integrate into the education portal within the SLDS.	

## KEY CONSTRAINTS AND/OR RISKS

### Key Risks

Future Funding of System		Would need to look at potential for other funding sources. There are currently no federal requirements mandating an ECIDS implementation, however it is highly recommended.
Business Resource/ Staff Availability	Negative schedule variance	This is an interagency effort; staff efforts may need to be reprioritized. Team will need to be aware of agency needs and those of the ECIDS program.
Technology Resource/Contractor	Negative schedule variance	Technology resources may need to be procured. Team will follow state procurement process for IT projects/programs.