

Q13 Describe the opportunities and barriers to collaboration and coordination within the early care and learning community.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/A	6/25/2025 11:31 AM
2	Lack of centralized support systems for early care programs and family child care homes which creates barriers for program sustainability. Qualified staff and low pay effect services and quality.	6/24/2025 2:08 PM
3	Getting parents to understand that THEY are the child's first Teacher and it is important to build those social and emotional skills needed to thrive once the child inters school	6/24/2025 12:02 PM
4	Money, transportation, education	6/24/2025 10:49 AM
5	Public school pre-schools are run by special education teachers and are more likely to obtain services for their students, but those spots are very limited. If parents struggle to find the appropriate care for their children, it is difficult to keep searching. More prominently known and advertised referrals to early intervention need to be happening	6/24/2025 10:19 AM
6	Opportunities for Collaboration and Coordination-Shared Goals Across Sectors, Public Funding and Policy Initiatives, Existing Local Networks, Family Engagement Opportunities Barriers to Collaboration and Coordination-Fragmented Systems, Limited Communication Channels, Competition for Funding, Workforce and Capacity Issues, Geographic and Transportation Barriers	6/24/2025 10:10 AM
7	IDK	6/23/2025 8:12 PM
8	Caseworkers are overworked, underpaid and burned out. They see horrific situations and have to piecemeal services	6/23/2025 3:36 PM
9	There is a lack of communication about what resources are available and to whom. People don't know what they don't know and can't take advantage of resources they aren't aware of.	6/23/2025 2:31 PM
10	Unknown	6/23/2025 10:31 AM
11	The CPC has done a great job with collaboration	6/23/2025 10:25 AM
12	N/A	6/23/2025 9:33 AM
13	Awareness of opportunities is the main issue.	6/23/2025 9:29 AM
14	More collaboration and not duplication of services provided.	6/23/2025 9:20 AM
15	There are a few good opportunities but little to non for first generation families in the U.S.	6/23/2025 9:11 AM
16	n/a	6/18/2025 9:50 AM
17	While there are some collaborative groups like CPC, EI Councils, policy advisory groups for programs like HeadStart & Success By 6, more needs to be done to foster collaborative work	6/17/2025 7:27 PM
18	N/a	6/16/2025 10:32 AM
19	I'm not sure	6/10/2025 1:49 PM
20	limited awareness of existing resources to support childcare workers	6/9/2025 2:18 PM
21	Opportunities may be available but not advertised widely, also lack of transportation and the ability to take leave from work to find out about or apply for services may be barriers.	6/8/2025 4:34 PM
22	At WIC it would be helpful to have a list of the milestones that children entering kindergarten should be reaching. Bilingual is a must. Giving list of the resources and day cares available is important.	6/7/2025 8:49 AM

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23	Don't know	6/6/2025 2:58 PM
24	Community fairs and workshops are improving awareness for community partners that have difficulty accessing services for children. Barriers: Follow up and sometime we work in silo's.	6/6/2025 12:20 PM
25	Lack of daycare facilities.	6/6/2025 11:47 AM
26	N/a	6/6/2025 12:40 AM
27	There needs to be more private-public partnerships for childcare. Chidcare staff salaries must increase in order for quality care to be expected. This will only come with public and large business financial support.	6/5/2025 5:41 PM
28	high-quality, equitable services for children and families. However, these efforts face both opportunities and barriers, which influence their effectiveness.	6/5/2025 5:06 PM
29	Unsure	6/5/2025 2:50 PM
30	unsure	6/5/2025 2:39 PM
31	Not being aware of resources, or unable to access them. Transportation to appointments. Not enough First Class Pre K sites.	6/5/2025 2:21 PM
32	n/a	6/5/2025 2:02 PM
33	Need for abundance of free early childcare	6/5/2025 1:15 PM
34	Lack of availability.	6/5/2025 10:03 AM
35	application process	6/5/2025 9:52 AM
36	Lack of trust due to racial bias and differences	6/5/2025 9:46 AM
37	I don't know	6/5/2025 9:46 AM
38	N/A	6/5/2025 8:42 AM
39	Parent knowledge	6/5/2025 8:23 AM
40	Opportunities to collaborate within the ECE community are available; however, funding is limited and more programs and services are being created to meet the needs limiting the amount of funding as well.	6/5/2025 8:14 AM
41	Affordability of services, not knowing what services are available are both barriers	6/4/2025 8:47 PM
42	na	6/4/2025 1:45 PM
43	Barriers would include not enough teachers for the needs of the community. We need to support our programs and teachers by providing better pay and benefits.	6/4/2025 12:32 PM
44	No, the opportunities early care for the early care and learning for the information to get to the parents some may not know it and where to start at getting the information.	6/4/2025 11:22 AM
45	provider availability and locations of facilities as well as funding to provide childcare to qualified children	6/4/2025 9:22 AM
46	Na	6/4/2025 8:40 AM
47	unknwon	6/3/2025 11:34 AM
48	Funding and personnel	6/3/2025 9:42 AM
49	Lack of knowledge of resources is a barrier.	6/2/2025 4:07 PM
50	Lack of opportunities in Jefferson county	6/2/2025 1:23 PM
51	not sure	6/2/2025 1:07 PM
52	Free youth programs maybe an opportunity to nurture the youth. Programs like STEM programs where kids may be interested in.	6/2/2025 1:07 PM
53	Unknown	6/2/2025 10:17 AM
54	Lack of transportation or knowledge	6/2/2025 10:15 AM

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55	Opportunity. Pre-school programs funded by the city	6/2/2025 9:30 AM
56	The opportunities are there. We need to be intentional about makes services accessible. Barriers could be agencies being territorial versus if I can't help but I know who can.	6/2/2025 8:32 AM
57	connect at pediatric offices in person or physically meet people where they are in their communities so they know of these resources	6/1/2025 10:49 PM
58	IDK	5/30/2025 9:58 AM
59	DNK	5/30/2025 4:54 AM
60	not sure	5/29/2025 9:17 PM
61	Early care providers rarely collaborate with schools during the transition to kindergarten. Maybe a required form or meetings would be helpful	5/29/2025 12:26 PM
62	N/A	5/29/2025 12:03 PM
63	family involvement funding transportation	5/29/2025 11:51 AM
64	Cost	5/28/2025 4:21 PM
65	Funds , resources, communication and partnership engagement	5/28/2025 3:57 PM
66	poverty, lack of parental involvement due to work, etc.	5/28/2025 3:52 PM
67	Shortage of qualified teaching staff	5/28/2025 3:29 PM
68	We are all at work! Every meeting or training you offer is in the middle of our work day. I have to run my center!	5/28/2025 2:53 PM
69	The absence of true community. Finding ways to assist parents who cannot afford their services.	5/28/2025 2:45 PM
70	Government canceled Head Start which is the only program that was available.	5/28/2025 2:29 PM
71	Unsure, assume funding	5/28/2025 2:12 PM
72	There is a large amount of 6th grade students in Jefferson county that have barriers with reading and writing	5/28/2025 1:37 PM
73	Transportation is a huge barrier.	5/27/2025 8:30 PM
74	not enough quality to go around. Less options and openings in programs due to the low pay associated with the positions at child care. Staff turnover is very high.	5/27/2025 3:46 PM
75	Public education should start before kindergarten and be available to all.	5/27/2025 1:34 PM
76	Barriers: affordability	5/27/2025 8:37 AM
77	No universal Pre K (especially in Hoover)	5/24/2025 1:14 PM
78	The opportunities to collaborate with early care learning is a win win for each family to ensure success for each child entering kindergarten. However the barriers that hinder early care and learning is the lack of knowledge of the parents on what's available for them if they just show interest in the learning of their child(ren)	5/23/2025 6:10 PM
79	Knowledge and back ground knowledge	5/23/2025 1:50 PM
80	Education and training opportunities to up-skill staff Opportunity to pay staff better	5/23/2025 12:32 PM
81	Opportunities-more collaboration across sectors working for children and families Barriers-fragmented landscape, competition among providers, even if they don't serve the same communities	5/23/2025 11:42 AM
82	lack of community knowledge on how to get assistance prior to early education, lack of communication by those providing assistance, lack of communication among collaborators to combine services	5/23/2025 11:41 AM
83	We don't necessarily know that each other exists or what areas are covered.	5/23/2025 10:43 AM
84	Group meetings including multiple organizations-opportunities Limited grants/funding	5/23/2025 10:05 AM

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	resources-barriers	
85	Finding time to do it.	5/22/2025 6:46 PM
86	Funding and pride.	5/22/2025 4:38 PM
87	Understanding the system and how to access the care	5/22/2025 3:44 PM
88	Lack of time and opportunities to connect.	5/22/2025 3:39 PM
89	N/A	5/22/2025 1:35 PM
90	The expertise is there—the willingness, the passion, the drive to make a difference. Behavioral specialists, developmental pediatricians, and other professionals are ready to provide training, eager to guide families and educators in understanding and supporting children with behavioral challenges. But the resources aren't. Coverage falls short, leaving providers stretched too thin, unable to extend their care into nights and weekends when many families need them most. The demand is undeniable, yet the system struggles to meet it. So what happens when those who are willing to help are held back by constraints beyond their control? What solutions might emerge if we prioritized accessibility and ensured support reached every child in need?	5/22/2025 1:07 PM
91	Finances, lack of knowledge about resources	5/22/2025 11:51 AM
92	Idk	5/22/2025 11:24 AM
93	Improved outcomes for children, increased access to resources and enhanced professional development are some of the opportunities. Some of the barriers are include communication challenges, conflicting goals and insufficient funding.	5/22/2025 11:08 AM
94	Collaboration: Shared goals for child development, Community Partnerships & Funding support. Barriers: Broken and outdated systems, programs and community competition, Inconsistency in the quality of services provided and a lack of communication and trust and a lack of interpersonal rapport building.	5/22/2025 11:04 AM
95	I don't know	5/22/2025 11:03 AM
96	Funding and awareness of current resources	5/22/2025 10:20 AM
97	I'm not 100% sure but I would think the barrier is that parents often do not know of resources that are available to assist with early childcare	5/22/2025 10:19 AM
98	transportation and space for children are barriers for our children and parents.	5/22/2025 10:01 AM
99	Idk	5/22/2025 9:51 AM
100	Little connection between individual centers, and there doesn't seem to be a lot of support from the state organizations who manage those programs.	5/22/2025 9:38 AM
101	There are not enough programs in areas of need, therefore collaboration and coordination is at a deficit.	5/22/2025 9:33 AM
102	Not enough resources	5/22/2025 9:27 AM
103	Their are not many opportunities	5/22/2025 9:23 AM
104	Have teacher that are not trained to support the social emotional needs that some children may come to school needing.	5/22/2025 9:16 AM
105	More collaboration and coordination is necessary but the workforce is under paid and has a high turnover. It is a challenge to know what everyone else is doing (opportunities for collaboration)	5/22/2025 8:53 AM
106	Lack of access.	5/22/2025 8:30 AM
107	Nee more openings so more referrals can be made.	5/22/2025 8:19 AM
108	Na	5/22/2025 8:18 AM
109	Lack of connectivity.	5/22/2025 8:16 AM
110	Frequent staff turnover	5/21/2025 10:35 AM
111	The barriers are finance related and the opportunities seem to be within the reach of financially	5/20/2025 1:41 PM

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	stable homes only.	
112	I do not have knowledge about this.	5/20/2025 10:01 AM
113	I don't know	5/20/2025 10:00 AM
114	I am not involved in childcare community at this time so I'm uncertain how to answer	5/20/2025 8:51 AM
115	N/A	5/20/2025 4:13 AM
116	Unknown	5/19/2025 4:48 PM
117	Money is always a barrier. Some programs are competing for the same children ,especially four year olds.	5/19/2025 3:54 PM
118	I don't know	5/19/2025 1:27 PM
119	Knowledge and communication.	5/19/2025 12:49 PM
120	transportation, parental support, drug abuse, poverty	5/19/2025 11:49 AM
121	They DO NOT answer their phones or answer emails promptly - it's hard to reach staff!!!!	5/19/2025 10:43 AM
122	N/A	5/19/2025 10:32 AM
123	Na	5/19/2025 10:31 AM
124	barriers are the cost and accessibility; transportation is also a barrier for many low income families. Birmingham lacks buses and bus routes	5/19/2025 10:07 AM
125	Opportunities include a uniform standard of learning in early care. Barriers include no uniform standard that can lead to disparity in outcomes or readiness.	5/19/2025 9:57 AM
126	I think the childcare facilities are understaffed and underpaid. Many don't have time to collaborate and coordinate care and learning.	5/19/2025 9:53 AM
127	Too many conflicting requirements regulations County Health Department, DHR, DECE have different regulations. Too much red tape - City Licensing taxes	5/19/2025 9:17 AM
128	limited options for childcare and a lack of affordability	5/19/2025 9:11 AM
129	Asking for assistance.	5/19/2025 9:04 AM
130	I do not know	5/19/2025 8:57 AM
131	It all comes down to resources. Operating a childcare center is a tight-margin business that leaves little time for work/meetings outside of the day-to-day.	5/19/2025 8:45 AM
132	I do not know.	5/19/2025 8:44 AM
133	Not known	5/19/2025 8:37 AM
134	Don't know enough	5/19/2025 8:35 AM