

Template No. 7

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Early Childhood Counts

Distance Education

QUESTIONS	DISCUSSION
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PEOPLE SERVED

Who would the program serve?

These programs are most effective with populations that are isolated and lack access to formal education opportunities.

This strategy is effective in providing training to teacher/day care mothers, etc., with little formal training.

Training for ECCD workers can be provided via distance education.

LOGISTICS

What are some distance education methods?

Distance education includes:

- correspondence courses
- T.V. and video
- radio and cassettes

The choice of methods should depend on the literacy level of the people and their ease of access to radios, tape recorder, T.V.s and videos.

CURRICULUM

What do we want to ‘teach’?

This will depend on the population you are trying to reach.

Who would prepare the programs?

A team should be used. It should consist of subject-matter specialists and media specialists as well as ‘actors’ who will be conveying the messages.

EVALUATION

How will we know if the approach is working?

Traditional methods include paper-and-pencil tests.

Alternative strategies include making observations to see if behavior has changed.