Blending & Braiding

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Learning Objectives

- To understand the “what” of blending and braiding.
- To understand the “why” of blending and braiding.
- To have tools to undertake the “how” of blending and braiding.
What do we mean by blending and braiding?
This guide is intended as a practical hands on resource for blending and braiding.
Blend or Braid?

What’s the difference?
Blending

Funds are combined into a single pool from which they can be allocated to providers without discerning their source and specific requirements.
Braiding

Funds from various sources are used to pay for a service package, but tracking and accountability for each pot of money is maintained at the administrative level.
Programmatic vs. Fiscal Braiding

**Programmatic braiding**

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Program staff braiding their own efforts.

**Fiscal braiding**

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Fiscal staff braid funding to support programmatic activities.
Any Questions?
Why take the time to develop a blended or braided model?
Eligible?

Allowable?
Example of Funding Integration
Section 3

How can we develop a blended or braided model?
Phase 1: Identify your vision and your partners

Phase 2: Define your program

Phase 3: Explore your financing options

Phase 4: Develop your coordinated financing plan

Phase 5: Implement, track, and improve
Phase 1: Identify your vision and your partners

Research on successful funding coordination suggests that you must begin with a clear vision of what you are trying to finance.
Phase 2: Define your program

Fiscal coordination strategies are only a means to an end, and to be successful, the end needs to be well defined.
Phase 3: Explore your financing options

Funding already available:
in your program, in your agency

Funding possible: public and private
This guide is intended to provide the nitty gritty detail needed for exploring your financing options.

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Phase 4: Develop your coordinated financing plan

- Program Budget
- Cost Allocation Plan
- Front Door/Back Door Protocols
- Tracking/Reporting
- Financial Systems
- Contracting
- Quality Control/Staff Training
Phase 5: Implement, track, and improve
Thank you for your time!

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