

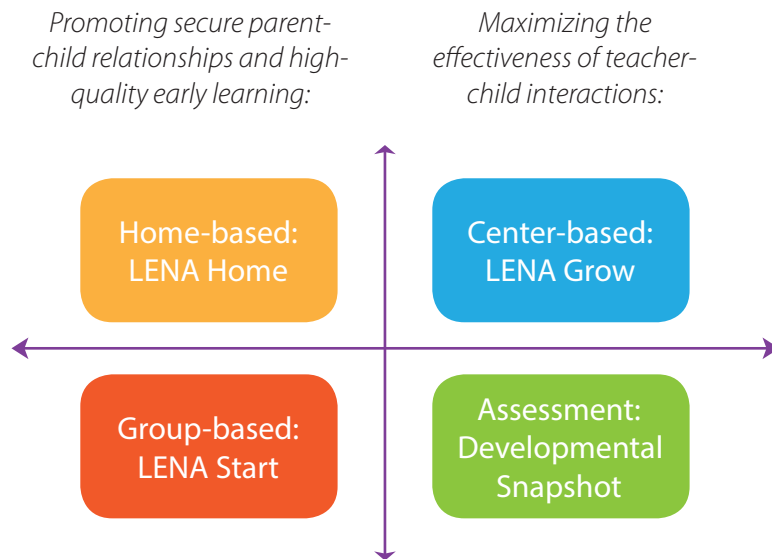
Early talk shapes a child's life.

LENA[®] SHAPES EARLY TALK.

Our vision: Every child enters kindergarten prepared for success.

LENA's programs help Head Start and Early Head Start programs prepare children for school through language-focused instruction that increases parent and educator capacity to build strong relationships.

Get the most of your early language and literacy efforts with reportable metrics that directly connect to the Head Start Performance Standards for goal setting and family engagement services (1302). LENA programs combine evidence-based feedback with research-based curricula creating proven behavior change among parents, caregivers, and early childhood educators in support of stronger outcomes for children:



"The teachers are surprised by their own data and how it motivates them. We've found that even teachers who aren't participating in the program yet are paying attention to what the LENA teachers are saying and doing, and now they are talking more as well!"

- Bruce Watson, Executive Director of the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Head Start Performance Standards Satisfied by LENA's Programs and Assessments: LENA Grow

Program Standard	LENA Grow meets this by...
Must embed responsive & effective teacher-child interactions . (1302.30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Helps early childhood educators understand how to have more quality interactions with children. ✓ Existing LENA Grow implementers have found an increase in their CLASS scores for Positive Climate.
Must implement screening & assessment procedures that support individualization and growth in the areas of development and support family engagement in children's learning & development. (1302.30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Grow can be utilized with the Developmental Snapshot, an assessment tool that can support educators and families in understanding a child's learning & development progress.
Must ensure teachers and other relevant staff provide responsive care and an organized learning environment, including for children with disabilities. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Helps teachers to provide responsive care to all children in their room. ✓ Existing LENA Grow implementers have found an increase in their CLASS scores for Teacher Sensitivity.
Must support implementation of such environment with integration of regular & ongoing supervision & a system of individualized & ongoing professional development . This includes at minimum (b) through (e). (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Grow's coaching sessions can be easily integrated into existing professional development systems. ✓ Through weekly or bi-weekly coaching sessions, teacher coaches provide feedback and support to either individual B5teachers or groups of teachers
Emphasize nurturing & responsive practices, interactions, and environments ; are communication & language rich; promote language development . (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Coaching sessions provide teachers with guidance and feedback on increasing interactive talk to promote stronger language development in their classroom. ✓ Existing LENA Grow implementers have found an increase in their CLASS scores for Language Modeling and Facilitation of Learning and Development.
Integrate child assessment data in individual and group planning. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developmental Snapshot assessment data can be used in individual and group planning.
Snack & meal times must be structured and used as learning opportunities that support teaching staff-child interactions and foster communication and conversations that contribute to a child's learning, development, and socialization. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Grow has a coaching session and resources specifically targeted to increase interactive talk at meal times.
A program must approach routines , such as hand washing and diapering, and transitions between activities, as opportunities for strengthening development , learning, and skill growth. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Grow's coaching sessions give teachers specific strategies and tips for turning routines, like washing hands and changing diapers, into opportunities for increasing interactive talk and building brains.

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In collaboration with each child's parent & with parental consent, a program must complete or obtain a current developmental screening to identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive and emotional skills within 45 calendar days . . . (1302.33)	✓ The Developmental Snapshot can identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, behavioral, and language skills.
A program must use one or more research-based developmental standardized screening tools to complete the screening. A program must use as part of the screening additional information from family members, teachers, and relevant staff familiar with the child's typical behavior. (1302.33)	✓ The Developmental Snapshot is research-based.
A program must conduct standardized & structured assessments, which may be observation-based or direct, for each child that provide ongoing information to evaluate the child's developmental level and progress in outcomes aligned to the goals described in the HSELOF: Birth to 5. Such assessments must result in usable information for teachers, home visitors, and parents and be conducted with sufficient frequency to allow for individualization within the program year. (1302.33)	✓ The Developmental Snapshot can be used at 21-day intervals to demonstrate developmental growth over time.
A program must regularly use information from (b)(1) along with informal teacher observation & additional information from family and staff, as relevant, to determine a child's strengths and needs , inform and adjust strategies to better support individualized learning , and improve teaching practices Screenings and assessments must be valid and reliable for the population and purpose for which they will be used, including by being conducted by qualified and trained personnel, and being age, developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate, and appropriate for children with disabilities, as needed. (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides objective, measurable feedback on individual children's classroom experience. ✓ Provides objective feedback on the classroom language environment as a whole. ✓ Used in combination with the Developmental Snapshot, parent feedback, and informal observation LENA Grow improves teaching practices and supports individualized learning.
Must structure education and child development services to recognize parents' roles as children's lifelong educators, and to encourage parents to engage in their child's education. (1302.34)	✓ LENA Grow provides materials and resources to share with families to engage them in what the educators are working on in the classroom. This can introduce parents to new strategies and tips for talking more with their children.

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<p>Must offer opportunities for parents and family members to be involved in the program's education services and implement policies to ensure:</p> <p>Teachers regularly communicate with parents to ensure they are well-informed about their child's routine's, activities, and behavior. (1302.34)</p> <p>Teachers hold parent conferences . . . no less than two times per program year, to enhance the knowledge and understanding of both staff and parents of the child's education and developmental progress and activities in the program. (1302.34)</p> <p>Teachers inform parents, about the purposes of and the results from screenings and assessments and discuss their child's progress. (1302.34)</p>	<p>✓ Teachers can use LENA Grow resources and talking tips to involve parents in the program's education services by communicating how they are increasing interactive talk in classroom routines.</p> <p>✓ LENA Grow's objective, measurable feedback on a child's classroom environment as well as language development (when using Snapshot) can be integrated into parent conferences.</p>
<p>Provide supports for effective classroom management and positive learning environments; supportive teacher practices; and, strategies for supporting children with challenging behaviors and other social, emotional, and mental health concerns. (1302.45)</p>	<p>✓ LENA Grow is a support that program administrators can utilize to help early childhood educators create positive learning environments and better support the children in the care.</p> <p>✓ Existing LENA Grow implementers have found an increase in their CLASS scores for Positive Climate.</p>
<p>Recognize parents as their children's primary teachers and nurturers and implement intentional strategies to engage parents in their children's learning and development and support parent-child relationships, including specific strategies for father engagement. (1302.50)</p>	<p>✓ LENA Grow provides materials and resources that can be shared with families to engage them in what the educators are working on in the classroom. This can introduce parents to new strategies and tips for talking more with their children.</p>
<p>Establish and implement a family partnership agreement process that is jointly developed and shared with parents in which staff and families review individual progress, revise goals, evaluate and track whether identified needs & goals are met, and adjust strategies on an ongoing bases as necessary (1302.52)</p>	<p>✓ LENA Grow strategies and resources can be shared with parents to set goals and track progress.</p>

Head Start Performance Standards Satisfied by LENA's Programs and Assessments: LENA Start

Program Standard	LENA Start meets this by...
Must implement screening & assessment procedures that support individualization and growth in the areas of development and support family engagement in children's learning & development. (1302.30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Through weekly recordings, families are engaged in their child's development and can see week-to-week progress in adult words and conversational turns. ✓ Includes use of the Developmental Snapshot assessment.
Integrate child assessment data in individual and group planning. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides weekly individual feedback reports to parents. ✓ Monitor group progress via an online dashboard.
In collaboration with each child's parent & with parental consent, a program must complete or obtain a current developmental screening to identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive and emotional skills within 45 calendar days . . . (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Developmental Snapshot is administered four times during the LENA Start program, and bi-annually thereafter until the child reaches 36 months of age.
A program must use one or more research-based developmental standardized screening tools to complete the screening. A program must use as part of the screening additional information from family members, teachers, and relevant staff familiar with the child's typical behavior. (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Developmental Snapshot is research-based.
A program must conduct standardized & structured assessments, which may be observation-based or direct, for each child that provide ongoing information to evaluate the child's developmental level and progress in outcomes aligned to the goals described in the HSELOF: Birth to 5. Such assessments must result in usable information for teachers, home visitors, and parents and be conducted with sufficient frequency to allow for individualization within the program year. (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Developmental Snapshot is administered four times throughout the program to demonstrate developmental growth over time.
Must structure education and child development services to recognize parents' roles as children's lifelong educators, and to encourage parents to engage in their child's education. (1302.34)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Start focuses on empowering parents as their child's first teacher. Parents learn about child development and ways they can engage in their child's learning process.

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Program Standard	LENA Start meets this by...
Recognize parents as their children's primary teachers and nurturers and implement intentional strategies to engage parents in their children's learning and development and support parent-child relationships, including specific strategies for father engagement. (1302.50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Start is a great way to involve parents, including fathers, in their child's learning and development. ✓ The curriculum includes a Parent Guide to help parents remember the strategies they are taught in class so they can be implemented at home.
A program must promote shared responsibility with parents for children's early learning and development, and implement family engagement strategies that are designed to foster parental confidence and skills in promoting children's learning and development. (1302.51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Start has been shown to increase parenting confidence. Through our pre/post Parent Survey, LENA Start measures the percent of families reporting increased levels of Parenting Self-efficacy, Confidence in Future School Success, Community Engagement, and 5 other domains.
A program must, at a minimum, offer opportunities for parents to participate in a research-based parenting curriculum that builds on parents' knowledge and offers parents the opportunity to practice parenting skills to promote children's learning and development. A program that chooses to make significant adaptations to the parenting curriculum to better meet the needs of one or more specific populations must work with an expert or experts to develop such adaptations. (1302.51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Start is a research-based curriculum that encourages parents to practice increased levels of interactive talk and engagement with their child. ✓ The number of conversational turns a child experiences has been shown to correlate strongly with scores on standardized tests of language skill, including vocabulary, grammar, and verbal reasoning.
A program must implement a family partnership process that includes a family partnership agreement & the activities described in this section to support family well-being . . . to support child learning and development . . . and to foster parental confidence and skills that promote the early learning and development of their children. The process must be initiated as early in the program year as possible and continue for as long as the family participates in the program, based on parent interest and need. (1302.52)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Start is a 13-week curriculum that can be implemented in multiple groups throughout the year. This is a great offering for parents who are interested in learning more about child development and how to increase interactive talk to benefit their child's language development

Head Start Performance Standards Satisfied by LENA's Programs and Assessments: LENA Home

Program Standard	LENA Home meets this by...
Must implement screening & assessment procedures that support individualization and growth in the areas of development and support family engagement in children's learning & development. (1302.30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Through weekly recordings, families are engaged in their child's development and can see week-to-week progress in adult words and conversational turns. ✓ Includes use of the Developmental Snapshot assessment.
Integrate child assessment data in individual and group planning. (1302.31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides weekly feedback reports to parents and their home visitor.
In collaboration with each child's parent & with parental consent, a program must complete or obtain a current developmental screening to identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive and emotional skills within 45 calendar days . . . (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The LENA Snapshot is administered monthly during the LENA Home program.
A program must use one or more research-based developmental standardized screening tools to complete the screening. A program must use as part of the screening additional information from family members, teachers, and relevant staff familiar with the child's typical behavior. (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Developmental Snapshot is research-based.
A program must conduct standardized & structured assessments, which may be observation-based or direct, for each child that provide ongoing information to evaluate the child's developmental level and progress in outcomes aligned to the goals described in the HSELOF: Birth to 5. Such assessments must result in usable information for teachers, home visitors, and parents and be conducted with sufficient frequency to allow for individualization within the program year. (1302.33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As part of LENA Home, LENA Snapshot is administered monthly to demonstrate developmental growth over time.
Must structure education and child development services to recognize parents' roles as children's lifelong educators, and to encourage parents to engage in their child's education. (1302.34)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Home focuses on empowering parents as their child's first teacher. Parents learn about child development and ways they can engage in their child's learning process.

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Recognize parents as their children's primary teachers and nurturers and implement intentional strategies to engage parents in their children's learning and development and support parent-child relationships, including specific strategies for father engagement. (1302.50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Home is a great way to involve parents, including fathers, in their child's learning and development. ✓ The curriculum teaches parents strategies to enrich their home language environment and engage in positive interactions with their child.
A program must, at a minimum, offer opportunities for parents to participate in a research-based parenting curriculum that builds on parents' knowledge and offers parents the opportunity to practice parenting skills to promote children's learning and development. A program that chooses to make significant adaptations to the parenting curriculum to better meet the needs of one or more specific populations must work with an expert or experts to develop such adaptations. (1302.51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Home is a research-based curriculum that encourages parents to practice increased levels of interactive talk and engagement with their child. ✓ The number of conversational turns a child experiences has been shown to correlate strongly with scores on standardized tests of language skill, including vocabulary, grammar, and verbal reasoning.
A program must implement a family partnership process that includes a family partnership agreement & the activities described in this section to support family well-being . . . to support child learning and development . . . and to foster parental confidence and skills that promote the early learning and development of their children. The process must be initiated as early in the program year as possible and continue for as long as the family participates in the program, based on parent interest and need. (1302.52)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LENA Home is a great way for Home Visitors to coach and support parents who are interested in learning more about child development and how to increase interactive talk to benefit their child's language development.