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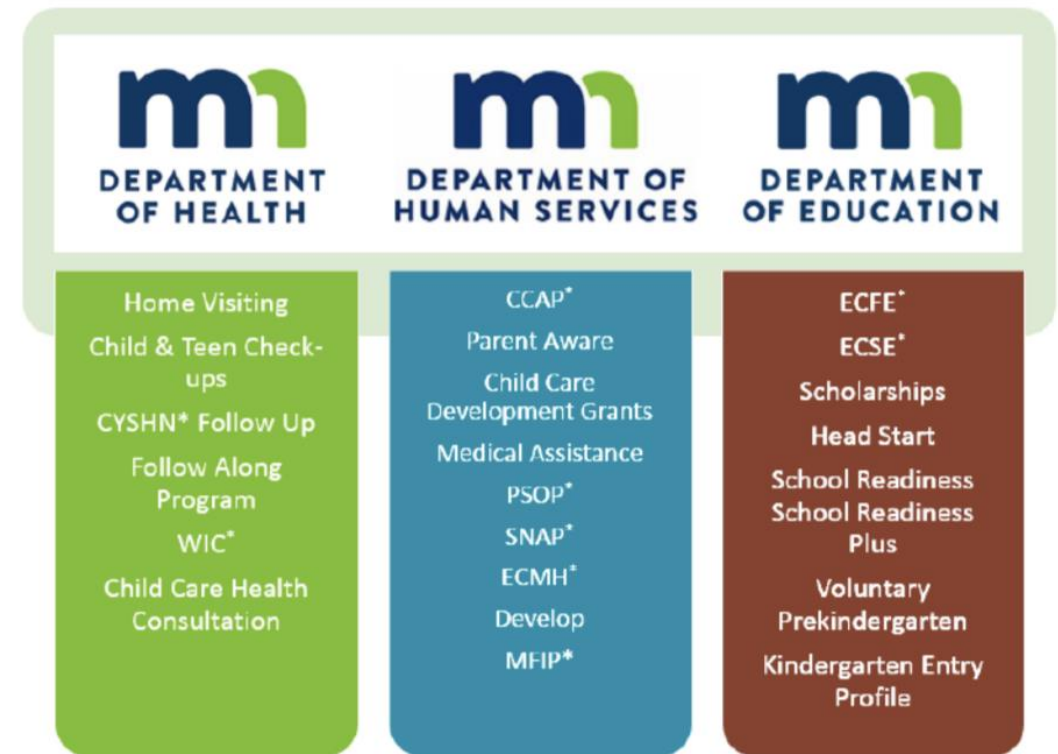




Early Childhood Funding Streams



Figure 1. Overview of select early childhood programs under MDE, MDH, and DHS⁸





Recent Governance Reforms

Creation



Consolidation



The Common Denominator: A Better and More Efficient System for Children and Families





Resolve to Improve





Challenges of a Coordinated System

- **Highly dependent on leadership and personalities.**
- **Well-coordinated systems don't necessarily stay that way.**
- **Explore opportunities to codify what's working to mitigate the danger of abrupt shifts.**



Consolidation

- **Can be slow and incremental, limiting immediate impact to families.**
- **Colocation of key programs can lead to greater efficiency and coordination.**
- **Opportunity to be playful and learn from the process, which can accelerate over time.**



Creation

- **A major undertaking, requiring time, political will and the cooperation of major stakeholders.**
- **Pros and cons to different approaches (new agency vs. placement within an existing agency)**
- **Opportunity for efficiency and meaningful program alignment.**
- **No wrong door vs. fewer doors for families.**

