

## PROGRAM AREA PLANS

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<p><b>§1310.10 General</b></p> <p><b>1310.10(a)</b> Each agency must assist as many families as possible who need transportation in order for their children to attend the program in obtaining that transportation.</p>	<p>1. Transportation needs identified, resource materials for community transportation will be provided to families.</p>	<p>At application time</p>	<p>Transportation resource materials</p>
<p><b>1310.10(b)</b> When an agency has decided not to provide transportation services, either for all or a portion of the children, it must provide reasonable assistance to the families of such children to arrange transportation to and from its activities. The specific types of assistance being offered must be made clear to all prospective families in the program's recruitment announcements.</p>	<p>1. Recruitment flyers will indicate if transportation is possible. Resource materials for community transportation will be provided to families.</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Recruitment flyers, posters Transportation resource materials</p>
<p><b>1310.10(c)</b> Each agency providing transportation services is responsible for compliance with the applicable requirements of this Part. When an agency provides transportation through another organization or an individual, the agency must ensure the compliance of the transportation provider with the requirements of this part.</p>	<p>1. Delegate/Grantee will adhere to all transportation regulations and monitor for compliance.</p>	<p>Beginning of each program year</p>	<p>Transportation checklist</p>
<p><b>1310.10(d)(1)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that each vehicle used in providing such services is equipped with: A communication system to call for assistance in case of an emergency.</p>	<p>1. A procedure for communication/emergency information will be implemented when transporting children..</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Transportation checklist</p>
<p><b>1310.10(d)(2)</b> Safety equipment for use in an emergency including a charged fire extinguisher that is properly mounted near the driver's seat and a sign indicating its location.</p>	<p>1. Each bus will be equipped with the required safety equipment and monitored.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Daily Vehicle Check Log</p>
<p><b>1310.10(d)(3)</b> A first aid kit and a sign indicating the location of such equipment</p>	<p>1. First aid kits are available including a sign indicating its location.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Daily Vehicle Check Log</p>

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<p><b>1310.10(d)(4)</b> A seat belt cutter for use in an emergency evacuation and a sign indicating its location.</p>	<p>1. Seat belt cutter will be available including a sign indicating its location.</p>	ongoing	Daily Vehicle Check Log
<p><b>1310.10(e)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that any auxiliary seating, such as temporary or folding jump seats, used in vehicles of any type providing such services are built into the vehicle by the manufacturer as part of its standard design, are maintained in proper working order, and are inspected as part of the annual inspection required under Sec. 1310.13(a).</p>	<p>1. Schedule annual bus inspections to ensure appropriate seating is installed.</p>	Annually before service begins	Transportation checklist
<p><b>1310.10(f)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that all accidents involving vehicles that transport children receiving such services are reported in accordance with applicable State requirements.</p>	<p>1. Reports of any accidents are kept on file.</p>	As necessary	Accident Report
<p><b>1310.10(g)</b> Each agency must ensure that children are only released to a parent or legal guardian, or other individual identified in writing by the parent or legal guardian. Agencies must maintain lists of the persons, including alternates in case of emergency, and up-to-date child rosters must be maintained at all times to ensure that no child is left behind, either at the classroom or on the vehicle at the end of the route.</p>	<p>1. Emergency cards with emergency contacts kept on bus, 2. Bus Monitor signs when child is being transported, 3. Parent/guardian signs when child is released from bus monitor.</p>	Daily	Bus Check-in/Out Rosters Emergency Procedure Card Daily Sign In Student Release Authorization Form
<p><b>§1310.11 Child Restraint Systems</b> Effective June 21, 2004, each agency providing transportation services must ensure that each vehicle used to transport children receiving such services is equipped for use of height- and weight-appropriate child safety restraint systems.</p>	<p>1. Buses used for programs implementing transportation shall be equipped with approved height and weight child safety restraints.</p>	Ongoing	Transportation checklist

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<p><b>§1310.12 Required use of School Buses or Allowable Alternate Vehicles</b></p> <p><b>1310.12(a)</b> Effective December 30, 2006, each agency providing transportation services must ensure that children enrolled in its program are transported in school buses or allowable alternate vehicles that are equipped for use of height- and weight-appropriate child restraint systems, and that have reverse beepers. As provided in 45 CFR, this paragraph does not apply to transportation services to children served under the home-based option for Head Start and Early Head Start.</p>	<p>1. Buses used for programs implementing transportation shall be equipped with approved height and weight child safety restraints.</p>	Ongoing	Transportation checklist
<p><b>1310.12(b)</b> Effective February 20, 2001, each Head Start and Early Head Start agency receiving permission from the responsible HHS official to purchase a vehicle with grant funds for use in providing transportation services to children in its program must ensure that the funds are used to purchase a vehicle that is either a school bus or an allowable alternate vehicle and is equipped</p> <p>(1) for use of height- and weight-appropriate child restraint systems; and</p> <p>(2) with a reverse beeper.</p>	<p>1. Approved funding shall be used for purchase of buses with child restraint and reverse beeper.</p>	At time of purchase	Fiscal reports Purchasing reports
<p><b>1310.12(c)</b> As provided in 45 CFR 1310.2(a), paragraph (b) of this section does not apply to vehicles purchased for use in transporting children served under the home-based option for Head Start and Early Head Start.</p>	<p>1. Children served within Home-base option may be transported by other vehicles.</p>	As needed	
<p><b>§1310.13 Maintenance of Vehicles</b></p> <p>Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that vehicles used to provide such services are maintained in safe operating condition at all times. The organization operating the vehicle must establish and implement procedures for:</p>			

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<p><b>1310.13(a)</b> Thorough safety inspection of each vehicle on at least an annual basis through an inspection program licensed or operated by the State.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Schedule annual inspection with State licensed facility.</li> <li>2. Agency will complete vehicle inspection</li> </ol>	<p>Annually per CHP Inspector Before start of program year and every 45 days or 3,000 miles</p>	<p>Copy of Annual Inspection District's Bus Maintenance and Safety Inspection Record</p>
<p><b>1310.13(b)</b> Systematic preventive maintenance on such vehicles.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vehicle maintenance schedule.</li> </ol>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Completed pre-trip inspection check sheet</p>
<p><b>1310.13(c)</b> Daily pre-trip inspection of the vehicles by the driver.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-trip inspection. Check sheet is maintained on bus.</li> </ol>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>Completed pre-trip inspection check sheet</p>
<p><b>§1310.14 Inspection of New Vehicles at the Time of Delivery</b></p> <p>Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that bid announcements for school buses and allowable alternate vehicles for use in transporting children in its program include the correct specifications and a clear statement of the vehicle's intended use. Such agencies must ensure that there is a prescribed procedure for examining such vehicles at the time of delivery to ensure that they are equipped in accordance with the bid specifications and that the manufacturer's certification of compliance with the applicable FMVSS is included with the vehicle.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vehicles purchased shall be inspected by ensure bid specifications have been met.</li> </ol>	<p>At time of delivery before used for transporting children.</p>	<p>Inspection report</p>
<p><b>§1310.15 Operation of Vehicles</b></p> <p>Each agency providing transportation services, either directly or through an arrangement with another organization or an individual, to children enrolled in its program must ensure that</p>			
<p><b>1310.15(a)</b> On a vehicle equipped for use of such devices, any child weighing 50 pounds or less is seated in a child restraint system appropriate to the height and weight of the child while the vehicle is in motion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A bus monitor will secure children in child restraint system.</li> </ol>	<p>Each trip</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and sign-out sheet</p>

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<p><b>1310.15(b)</b> Baggage and other items transported in the passenger compartment are properly stored and secured and the aisles remain clear and the doors and emergency exits remain unobstructed at all times.</p>	<p>1. Bus drivers/monitors will insure all items are secured while bus is in motion. No objects will block the aisles or the emergency exits.</p>	<p>Each trip</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and sign-out sheet</p>
<p><b>1310.15(c)</b> Effective June 21, 2004, there is at least one bus monitor on board at all times, with additional bus monitors provided as necessary, such as when needed to accommodate the needs of children with disabilities. As provided in 45 CFR 1310.2(a), this paragraph does not apply to transportation services to children served under the home-based option for Head Start and Early Head Start.</p>	<p>1. Bus monitors shall be on board at all times when children are transported.</p>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>Bus monitor procedure Daily bus checklist</p>
<p><b>1310.15(d)</b> Except for bus monitors who are assisting children, all vehicle occupants must be seated while the vehicle is in motion.</p>	<p>1. All children will be seated in seat belts.</p>	<p>Each trip</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and sign-out sheet</p>
<p><b>§1310.16 Driver Qualifications</b></p> <p><b>1310.16(a)(1)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that persons who drive vehicles used to provide such services at a minimum: in states where such licenses are granted, have a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) for vehicles in the same class as the vehicle the driver will operate</p>	<p>1. Driver personnel file to include photocopies of required information. Driver will have in their possession a valid California Driver's License, a physical exam card, and a first aid card.</p>	<p>Upon employment</p>	<p>Copies of California Driver's License Physical Exam First Aid Card</p>
<p><b>1310.16(a)(2)</b> Meet any physical, mental, and other requirements established under applicable law or regulations as necessary to perform job-related functions with any necessary reasonable accommodations.</p>	<p>1. Drivers will be physically and mentally fit to transport children.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Personnel File</p>
<p><b>1310.16(b)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that there is an applicant review process for use in hiring drivers, that applicants for driver positions must be advised of the specific background checks required at the time application is made, and that there are criteria for the rejection of unacceptable applicants.</p>	<p>1. Job Description will be available clearly stating employment qualifications.</p>	<p>Before application process</p>	<p>Job Application Job Description Disclosure statement signed by applicant</p>

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<p>The applicant review procedure must include, at a minimum: <b>1310.16(b)(1)</b> All elements specified in 45 CFR 1304.52(b), with additional disclosure by the applicant of all moving traffic violations, regardless of penalty;</p>	<p>1. Program will obtain DMV record printout of driver</p>	<p>Before employment</p>	<p>Copy of DMV printout</p>
<p><b>1310.16(b)(2)</b> A check of the applicant's driving record through the appropriate State agency, including a check of the applicant's record through the National Driver Register, if available in the State; and after a conditional offer of employment to the applicant and before the applicant begins work as a driver, a medical examination, performed by a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy, establishing that the individual possesses the physical ability to perform any job-related functions with any necessary accommodations.</p>	<p>1. Program will obtain medical examination of driver</p>	<p>Before employment</p>	<p>Copy of signed medical examination</p>
<p><b>§1310.17 Driver and Bus Monitor Training</b> <b>1310.17(a)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that persons employed to drive vehicles used in providing such services will have received the training required under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section no later than 90 days after the effective date of this section as established by § 1310.2 of this part. The agency must ensure that drivers who are hired to drive vehicles used in providing transportation services after the close of the 90 day period must receive the training required under paragraphs (b) and (c) prior to transporting any child enrolled in the agency's program. The agency must further ensure that at least annually after receiving the training required under paragraphs (b) and (c) all drivers who drive vehicles used to provide such services receive the training required under paragraph (d) of this section.</p>	<p>1. All drivers working for Head Start will have completed state required safety training.</p>	<p>Prior to employment and annually</p>	<p>T-01 card or CDL Special driver's certificate</p>
<p><b>1310.17(b)</b> Drivers must receive a combination of classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction sufficient to enable each driver to:</p>			

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<p><b>1310.17(b)(1-7)</b>                      (1) operate the vehicle in a safe and efficient manner.                      (2) safely run a fixed route, including loading and unloading children, stopping at railroad crossings and performing other specialized driving maneuvers                      (3) administer basic first aid in case of injury                      (4) handle emergency situations, including vehicle evacuation procedures                      (5) operate any special equipment, such as wheel chair lifts, assistance devices or special occupant restraints                      (6) conduct routine maintenance and safety checks of the vehicle                      (7) maintain accurate records as necessary</p>	<p>1. All drivers working for Head Start will have completed the State required safety training. Training will include classroom as well as behind-the-wheel instruction in all required areas, 1-7. Annual training to be conducted after initial training.</p>	<p>Prior to employment and annually</p>	<p>T-01 Card or CDL Special Driver's Certificate</p>
<p><b>1310.17(c)</b>                      Drivers must also receive instruction on the topics listed in 45 CFR 1304.52(k)(1), (2) and (3)(i) and the provisions of the Head Start Program Performance Standards for Children with Disabilities (45 CFR 1308) relating to transportation services for children with disabilities.</p>	<p>1. Drivers shall receive additional training as needed for children with individualized health or physical needs.</p>	<p>As needed</p>	<p>Individualized Health Care Plans – IHCP IEP Staff Training</p>
<p><b>1310.17(d)</b>                      Drivers must receive refresher training courses and any additional necessary training to meet the requirements applicable in the State where the agency operates.</p>	<p>1. Planned ongoing driver trainings to comply with State laws. Ten hours of inservice or classroom.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>T-01 Card</p>
<p><b>1310.17(e)</b>                      Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that drivers who transport children receiving the services qualify under the applicable driver training requirements in its State.</p>	<p>1. Transportation supervisor or appropriate management staff shall oversee training compliance</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>T-01 card</p>
<p><b>1310.17(f)(1)</b>                      The annual evaluation of each driver of a vehicle used to provide such services includes an on-board observation of road performance.</p>	<p>1. Supervisor will ride with driver for annual evaluation to observe road performance.</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>Check list and notes from ride-along Employee evaluation</p>
<p><b>1310.17(f)(2)</b>                      Before bus monitors assigned to vehicles used to provide such services begin their duties, they are trained on child boarding and exiting procedure, use of child restraint systems, any required paperwork, responses to emergencies, emergency evacuation procedures, use of special equipment, child pick-up and release procedures and pre and post-trip vehicle check.</p>	<p>1. Driver will be trained in required areas before assigned to vehicles.</p>	<p>Annually, before duties begin</p>	<p>Agendas Sign-in Sheets Bus Driver and Bus Monitor Procedures</p>

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<p><b>§1310.20 Trip Routing</b></p> <p>The Safety of children being transported is the primary consideration in planning fixed routes.</p>	<p>1. Route sheets will be provided to show the route each bus is taking.</p>	<p>Weekly with updates as needed</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and sign-out sheets</p>
<p><b>1310.20(a)</b></p> <p>Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that in planning fixed routes the safety of the children being transported is the primary consideration.</p>	<p>1. Bus routes shall be established to ensure safety of children limiting left turns.</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>Route schedules</p>
<p><b>1310.20(b)</b></p> <p>The agency must also ensure that the following basic principles of trip routing are adhered to:</p> <p>(1) The time a child is in transit to and from the Head Start or Early head Start program must not exceed one hour unless there is no shorter route available or any alternative shorter route is either unsafe or impractical.</p> <p>(2) Vehicles must not be loaded beyond the maximum passenger capacity at any time.</p> <p>(3) Vehicles must not be required to back up or make “U” turns, except when necessary for reasons of safety or because of physical barriers.</p> <p>(4) Stops must be located to minimize traffic disruptions and to afford the driver a good field of view in front of and behind the vehicle.</p> <p>(5) When possible, stops must be located to eliminate the need for children to cross the street or highway to board or leave the vehicle.</p> <p>(6) If children must cross the street before boarding or after leaving the vehicle because curbside drop off or pick up is impossible, they must be escorted across the street by the bus monitor or another adult.</p> <p>(7) Specific procedures must be established for use of alternate routes in the case of hazardous conditions that could affect the safety of the children who are being transported, such as ice or water build up, natural gas line breaks, or emergency road closing. In selecting among alternatives, transportation providers must choose routes that comply as much as possible with the requirements of this section.</p>	<p>Route not to exceed transporting children more than 1 hour.</p> <p>Maximum capacity is not to be exceeded.</p> <p>Routes established without “U” turns.</p> <p>Stops shall provide optimal visibility for the driver’s view of front and back.</p> <p>Stops established to prevent children from cross streets.</p> <p>Children shall be escorted by bus monitor or parent for all street crossing.</p> <p>Alternate routes shall be pre-established in the event of hazardous conditions.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Route schedules</p>

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<p><b>§1310.21 Safety Education</b></p> <p><b>1310.21(a)</b> Each agency must provide training for parents and children in pedestrian safety. The training provided to children must be developmentally appropriate and an integral part of program experiences. The need for an adult to accompany a preschool child while crossing the street must be emphasized in the training provided to parents and children. The required transportation and pedestrian safety education of children and parents, except for the bus evacuation drills required by paragraph (d) of this section, must be provided within the first thirty days of the program year.</p>	<p>1. Provide training for parents and children concerning bus and pedestrian safety including all required elements and "Safe Ride" video.</p>	<p>Within first 30 days of program year</p>	<p>Agendas Sign-in Sheets Copies of materials distributed</p>
<p><b>1310.21(b)(1-4)</b> Each agency providing transportation services, directly or through another organization or an individual, must ensure that children who receive such services are taught:</p> <p>(1) safe riding practices (2) safety procedures for boarding and leaving the vehicle (3) safety procedures in crossing the street to and from the vehicle at stops (4) recognition of the danger zones around the vehicle</p>	<p>1. Provide training for children on all required elements of riding on the bus.</p>	<p>Within first 30 days of program year</p>	<p>Activity Plans, Materials distributed</p>
<p><b>1310.21(b)(5)</b> (5) emergency evacuation procedures, including participating in an emergency evacuation drill conducted on the vehicle the child will be riding.</p>	<p>1. Plan and practice emergency evacuation drill on bus</p>	<p>Within first 30 days of start of program</p>	<p>Activity Plans Photos Sign-in Sheets Evacuation Form, Safe Rider Form</p>
<p><b>1310.21(c)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must provide training for parents that</p>	<p>1. Training for parents will be conducted including all required items. Training will be coordinated with child training.</p>	<p>Within first 30 days</p>	<p>Agenda Sign-in Sheet Evaluations</p>
<p><b>1310.21(c)(1)</b> Emphasizes the importance of escorting their children to the vehicle stop and the importance of reinforcing the training provided to children regarding vehicle safety.</p>	<p>1. Training for parents will be conducted including all required items. Training will be coordinated with child training.</p>	<p>Within first 30 days</p>	<p>Bus Memo Bus Procedure and Guidelines</p>

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<p><b>1310.21(c)(2)</b> Complements the training provided to their children so that safety practices can be reinforced both in Head Start and at home by the parent.</p>	<p>1. Training for parents will be conducted including all required items. Training will be coordinated with child training.</p>	<p>Within first 30 days</p>	<p>Bus Memo Bus Procedure and Guidelines</p>
<p><b>1310.21(d)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that at least two bus evacuation drills in addition to the one required under paragraph (b)(5) of this section are conducted during the program year.</p>	<p>1. Two additional bus evacuation drills will be planned throughout the program year.</p>	<p>Regular intervals during program year</p>	<p>Bus Evacuation Drill Sign-off Sheet with Date of Evacuation Drill Signature of Center Supervisor</p>
<p><b>1310.21(e)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must develop activities to remind children of the safety procedures. These activities must be developmentally appropriate, individualized and be an integral part of the Head Start program activities.</p>	<p>1. Appropriate activities for the classroom will be planned and implemented to remind children of bus safety procedures.</p>	<p>Throughout program year</p>	<p>Activity Plans</p>
<p><b>§1310.22 Children with Disabilities</b></p> <p><b>1310.22(a)</b> Effective December 30, 2006, each agency must ensure that there are school buses or allowable alternative vehicles adapted or designed for transportation of children with disabilities available as necessary to transport such children enrolled in the program. This requirement does not apply to the transportation of children receiving home-based services unless school buses or allowable alternate vehicles are used to transport the other children served under the home-based option by the grantee. Whenever possible, children with disabilities must be transported in the same vehicles used to transport other children enrolled in the Head Start or Early Head Start program.</p>	<p>Children with disabilities may be transported when buses used to transport other Head Start children, if possible.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and out sheets</p>
<p><b>1310.22(b)</b> Each Head Start, Early Head Start and delegate agency must ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 <i>et seq.</i>), the HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 84, implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and the Head Start program Performance Standards on Services for Children with Disabilities (45 CFR part 1308) as they apply to transportation services.</p>	<p>Transporting children with disabilities will be the responsibility of the Local Education Agency (LEA).</p>	<p>As needed</p>	<p>Daily sign-in and out sheets</p>

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<p><b>1310.22(c)</b> Each agency must specify any special transportation requirements for a child with a disability when preparing the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), and ensure that in all cases special transportation requirements in a child's IEP or IFSP are followed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) special pick-up and drop-off requirements;</li> <li>(2) special seating requirements;</li> <li>(3) special equipment needs;</li> <li>(4) any special assistance that may be required; and</li> <li>(5) any special training for bus drivers and monitors.</li> </ul>	<p>Transportation needs will be identified in the child's IFSP/IEP. Transporting children with disabilities will be the responsibility of the Local Education Agency (LEA).</p>	<p>As needed</p>	<p>IFSP/IEP Daily sign-in and out sheets</p>
<p><b>§1310.23 Coordinated Transportation</b></p> <p><b>1310.23(a)</b> Each agency providing transportation services must make reasonable efforts to coordinate transportation resources with other human services agencies in its community in order to control costs and to improve the quality and the availability of transportation services.</p>	<p>Programs will work with other local community agencies to provide transportation services that adhere to the Head Start regulations.</p>	<p>As possible</p>	<p>MOU</p>
<p><b>1310.23(b)</b> At a minimum, the agency must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) identify the true costs of providing transportation in order to knowledgeably compare the costs of providing transportation directly versus contracting for the service;</li> <li>(2) explore the option of participating in any coordinated public or private transportation systems existing in the community; and</li> <li>(3) where no coordinated public or private non-profit transportation system exists in the community, make every effort to identify other human services agencies also providing transportation services and, where reasonable, to participate in the establishment of a local transportation coordinating council.</li> </ul>	<p>Agencies will analyze the cost in providing transportation to Head Start families and implement services as fiscally possible. If it is not feasible to provide transportation services, agencies will utilize other resources to assist families in transporting their children to and from the center.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Community Assessment Budget reports</p>