



## Facilities Manager Receives Top Honors by the Florida Head Start Association

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL – September 5, 2023** – This year's Florida Head Start Association (FHSA) Support Staff of the Year recipient is Mr. Bryan Ward, Facilities Manager at Episcopal Children's Services.

Mr. Ward is a graduate of Sante Fe College and has earned numerous credentials that support his work in facilities and logistics management. His extensive qualifications provide Episcopal Children's Services ease in knowing their centers are compliant, safe, and operational to serve the 2,234 children and families across 14 counties in Florida.

Maintaining a Head Start/Early Head Start program's physical environment supports the quality and quantity of its services. Adhering to safety guidelines for designing, constructing, and maintaining healthy classrooms and playgrounds is vital. Bryan's ability to be proactive no matter what the circumstances, whether it be COVID, weather emergencies, or the day-to-day preventative maintenance, Bryan and his team are ready to respond.

His supervisors and peers recognize Mr. Ward's passion for Head Start and his approach to every aspect of facilities, asking how he can improve things for the children and families we serve and supporting the organization's numerous staff. His leadership and dedication ensure Episcopal Children's Services provides the highest quality in a professional learning environment.

The Head Start Grantee Recipient selects nominees and is evaluated by a panel of peers and chosen by the FHSA awards committee. Recipients will be honored during the FHSA annual awards luncheon at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village in Cape Coral, Florida, on October 27. Complete details are available on our website, [www.FLHeadStart.org](http://www.FLHeadStart.org).

### **About FHSA**

*The Florida Head Start Association is a nonprofit organization working on behalf of the 42,014 children and families in Florida. Head Start is an innovative federal-to-local program delivering services from school readiness, comprehensive health, and family support services. The Head Start Program Performance Standards drive programs to strengthen and improve the quality to ensure that all children start school ready to succeed. FHSA has been the voice for Florida's most vulnerable children and families since 1999 and is committed to enhancing and supporting the capability of local Head Start programs in the delivery of high-quality services for our children and families.*

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