



Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office

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Child Safety

iLookout and OHS




iLookout was created in partnership between Penn State and OHS. iLookOut provides an interactive, online professional development course for mandated reporters of child abuse.

Penn State and OHS adapted the training to reflect HS Standards of Conduct, but this is still a distinct training from state-specific mandated reporter trainings. The Head Start version is already available for free online on the IPD and offers CEUs for completion. You can learn more [here](#).

Say Hi!

You can reach out to the Head Start Collaboration Director at any time at:
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Connection and Communication

Staff Contacts

Connection and relationships matter at all levels. The Collaboration Office seeks to connect with all Early Head Start and Head Start programs in the state. The HSCO is working to create contact lists to easily disseminate information and share topics of interest with each service area.

A Google form has been shared to gather staff contact information in the areas of mental health, family engagement, health, disabilities and inclusion, health, and ERSEA.

Please complete this quick form so that this information can be gathered, allowing the HSCO to more effectively communicate with programs.

It can be accessed at:

<https://forms.gle/uhzyrqS9jYNfYkxL7>



On the Go with the Collaboration Director

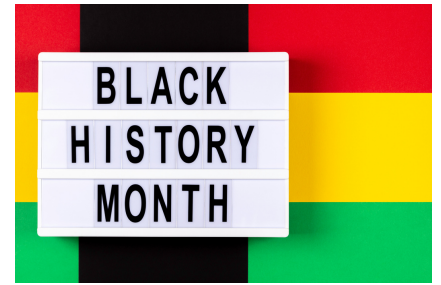


It was wonderful to meet so many of you at RIVHSA in Atlanta. Thank you to those who came out to our impromptu meet up at Top Draft.

Since my start in this role, I have had the privilege of visiting the following programs, and I look forward to visiting more in the future. I thank each one for taking the time and making me feel welcome.

Thank you to:

- Episcopal Children's Services in Duval
- LSF Duval County Head Start
- ELC of Palm Beach
- Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River
- FSU EHS
- Kids Incorporated



On February 28, I had the good fortune to visit LSF of Palm Beach, to join their inaugural Black History Month Celebration. This was an inspiring and moving event and thank you to LSF for including the HSCO. This event featured music, spoken word, testimonies, and a thoughtful keynote speaker in FL State Senator Dr. Rosalind Osgood.



:Let's Connect

MyPeers is a user-friendly virtual learning network where you can brainstorm, exchange ideas, and share resources with early childhood colleagues from across the country. My office shares a good deal of resources here, as well as robust conversation and resources in the platform news feed.

MyPeers was created by the Office of Head Start (OHS) to help you connect and learn with people who share your interests and program responsibilities. These informal connections can be a great source of encouragement and insight.

The HSCO has created the FI-EHS-HS Community where resources are shared. There is a wealth of information from all over the county in My Peers.

If you haven't already viewed the introductory webinar, please visit [here](#) to register for an orientation to this valuable resource.



INTERNATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION INSTITUTE

The International Inclusion Conference is being held in Chapel Hill, NC from May 16-18. There will be a strong federal Head Start presence there, and disabilities staff are encouraged to attend. Please share if you have staff going, as the HSCO would like to set a time to meet during the conference.

Registration can be found [here](#).



In case you missed, it, catch the February Inclusion webinar, [Inclusion Series: Partnering with IDEA Providers to Support Inclusion: Part 2](#)



Pre-K Collaborative Inclusion Conference

When: June 19-21

Where: The Florida Hotel & Conference Center
1500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32809

Registration will be open soon.

This conference is open to all decision makers and leaders in the area of inclusion and disabilities.



Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE), also known as Farm to ECE, is a national movement to bring more local, nutritious food to childcare programs and to encourage healthy habits, such as healthy eating and outdoor play, among children in early care settings. Early care settings serve children ages 0 to 5 and can include preschools, childcare centers, family childcare homes, Head Start or Early Head Start programs, and school-based childcare programs. Farm to ECE efforts include serving and sourcing more locally produced foods, providing hands-on learning experiences through school gardens or farm visits, and incorporating food and nutrition education into childcare program curriculum. (Farm to ECE Website)

This group is seeking members to participate in this important work. You can view the newsletter here:

<https://conta.cc/3XCTcsW>

Florida Farm to ECE Webpage :<https://eces4healthykids.org/florida-farm-to-ece/>

**SPREAD
THE
WORD**

Spread the amazing and impactful work Head Start is doing within the state of Florida by presenting at our state conferences. Proposals are now being accepted for the One Goal conference in Tampa from July 19-21 and FLAEYC, held in Orlando on October 11-15th.

The HSCO is happy to partner with any program to present as well. Simply reach out to collaborate.



RULES:

1. Stay updated on DEL Rules [here](#)
2. [Draft Rule 6M-4.204](#) March 22
3. [Sign up for Rule notifications](#)



Practice Based Coaching Training

A recipient in Region X is applying to become a state certified trainer and will be hosting an introductory Practice Based Coaching training as part of the application process.

She is currently looking for volunteers to participate in the training. The course is intended for coaches with any level of experience, those who work with coaches, or anyone interested in learning more about the coaching process. The training will be held virtually via Zoom on Friday, March 24th at 1PM E.T./10AM P.T. Space is limited to 50 participants, so if you are interested in attending or would like additional information, please contact Hannah Hafsos at hannahh@cdcsa.com



Office of Head Start National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement

Office of Head Start National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations

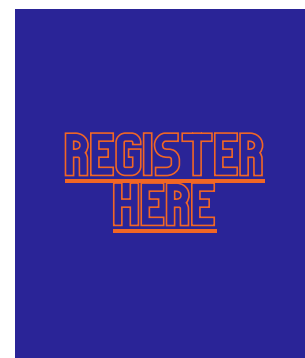


REGISTER NOW!

APRIL 27, 2023
11:00 AM-5:00 PM ET

This event is offered with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish.

ERSEA Institute 2023
Looking Back, Moving Forward



Full enrollment continues to be a priority for Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Join this one-day virtual professional development event for program and leadership staff. Come ready to learn, build community, network, and reflect with colleagues around the county.