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Letter From FHSA Executive Director

October 2018 will be a month Floridan's will never forget due to an appearance by Hurricane Michael. This devastating storm made an impact on Florida's Panhandle. Head Start programs serving Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Madison and Wakulla Counties are still dealing with major damage affecting children, families, and staff. FHSA has been working with these programs in the affected areas to help connect their families and staff with support services.

FHSA has partnered with state and national child care and early learning associations to develop the Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief. This initiative was created to help children, families, and communities recover and heal from disasters and restore their lives back to some normalcy. Donations can be made specifically to a fund of your choice. [DONATE HERE](#)

Calendar of Events

November

5-9 [Social Services Competency Based Training Program - Orlando, FL](#)

14-17 [NAEYC National Conference - Washington, D.C.](#)

15 [About Autism in Toddlers - Webinar](#)

December

13 [Cost Allocations Techniques and Practices - Webinar](#)

17-20 [NHSA Parent and Family Engagement Conference](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

April 1-4, 2019 FHSA will be "*Celebrating 20 years of Excellence ~ Leadership ~ Advocacy in Quality Childhood Education & Services.*" This year's event is being held in the historic St. Augustine, FL at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.



Go ahead and [secure hotel](#) accommodations as our room block will sell out quickly. Conference registration will open soon!

FHSA has updated its Corporate Partners and Annual Conference Sponsorship Opportunities. [Check them out](#) before they sell out!

The Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) and FHSA partnered with Tennessee State University to bring their Social Services Competency Based Training Program (SSCBT) to Florida. This course satisfies Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302.91(e)(7). Tennessee State University SSCBT Credential aligns with the Head Start and Early Head Start relationship-based competencies for Staff and Supervisors who work with families with expanded sections on key areas that are vital to Head Start/Early Head Start services.

Upon successful completion, participants will receive an industry-recognized Social Services certification from Tennessee State University. Our first class is being held this week in Orlando. We will be hosting another event in 2019. To learn more about this training program, [click to download](#) the flyer.

Our office will be closed Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. We hope you will join us in honoring all military veterans who served during war time and peace time. FHSA Thanks You!

Updates from the Office of Head Start

Three New Grant Notices

The Office of Head Start has announced three new grant notices. Grant applications are due November 30, 2018. Click the links below for grant details.

The Office of Head Start encourages interested applicants to [visit this webpage](#) which provides information on applying for grants, registering and applying through Grants.gov, submitting an application, and understanding the grant review

process. Interested applicants may email EHS.CCPartnerships@acf.hhs.gov for additional information.

- **Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$140 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships or through the expansion of Early Head Start (EHS) services. ACF will solicit applications from public entities, including states; private, nonprofit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations; or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility requirements for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act.

- **American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants**

ACF announces the availability of approximately \$4.1 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income American Indian and Alaska Native infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships or through the expansion of EHS services. ACF will solicit applications from public entities, including states; private nonprofit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations; or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility requirements for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act.

- **Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants**

ACF announces the availability of approximately \$6.1 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income, migrant and seasonal infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships or through the expansion of EHS services. ACF will solicit applications from public entities, including states; private nonprofit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations; or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility requirements for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act.

Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five FOA Questions and Answers Document

The Administration for Children and Families has released the Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Q&A document for those in the 50 states; the District of Columbia; and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

(CNMI), Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which are aiding in the development of their state's or territory's PDG B-5 application. This list provides answers to the most frequent questions received since the release of the PDG B-5 FOA so that all states and territories can benefit from the answers prior to the finalization of each state's or territory's application.

As a reminder, most states and territories must submit their PDG B-5 application no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. **A 2-week extension has been granted to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018**, due to the impact of Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

[Click to read more.](#)

Supporting Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness Interactive Learning Series

Explore a new interactive learning series to enhance your knowledge around family homelessness and the McKinney-Vento definition of "homeless" as it refers to children and youths. Review other relevant federal regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) programs.

There are eight modules in the series. Each module takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. You can spend as much or as little time as needed, depending on your level of experience. A Certificate of Completion can be printed on completion of all sections of each module.

To learn more about this series [click here](#).

How Early Head Start Prevents Child Maltreatment

[Child Trends](#)

Documenting and understanding the long-term impact of early childhood programs on child and family well-being, particularly on child abuse and neglect, is a challenge. Programs that serve families with infants and toddlers, such as Early Head Start (EHS), typically strive for positive outcomes while children are enrolled in the program, but also after they have left. Unfortunately, most research on programs for infants and toddlers focuses exclusively on immediate impacts on child development, school readiness, and family functioning without follow-up over time to understand their longer-term well-being. [Read More...](#)

News from Florida Head Start State

Collaboration Office

HSSCO and FHSA Quarterly Head Start/Early Head Start Directors Group call will be held November 14, 2018. Watch your inbox for a registration link.

The Head Start State Collaboration Office is pleased to announce a **FREE** webinar! The *About Autism in Toddlers* webinar is designed to provide support in early detection and intervention of autism. The webinar is perfect for all individuals working in childcare/school settings serving children birth through 3. The webinar will be held on **Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST.**

[Click here](#) to download a flyer for more details. Register today by [using this link](#).

On **December 13, 2018**, HSSCO and FHSA will host a **FREE** webinar on *Cost Allocation Techniques and Practices*. This webinar will provide support to Head Start and Early Head Start grantees in navigating multiple funding streams. This webinar target audience is for Directors, Executive Directors, Fiscal Management and Staff. The **webinar is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST.**

[Download flyer](#) for more details. [Registration is now open!](#)

What's Happening Around the State

Natalie Strappy Selected as Vice President of the FHSA Board of Directors



The Florida Head Start Association would like to congratulate Natalie Strappy, Executive Director of Alachua County Public Schools Head Start Program on her new position as Vice President of the FHSA Board of Directors.

Mrs. Strappy was selected via a vote by the Board at their October 29 Board of Directors meeting in West Palm Beach Florida.

FHSA Annual Awards Luncheon Honored State Winners

On October 30, FHSA honored state winners during an Awards Luncheon at the Embassy Suites - Central in West Palm Beach, FL. FHSA recognized individuals in our state for their exceptional work and dedication making a difference to provide

children from at-risk backgrounds the opportunity to achieve the skills needed to become successful in school and life. This year's recipients have gone above and beyond to ensure success not only in their programs but in their communities and the children and families they serve. Four of our state award winners will also be recognized at the Region IV Head Start Association awards gala February 7, 2019. FHSA also has two state nominees competing for a National Head Start Association award. Those will be announced in December 2018. For a complete listing of award winners and photos from the event, [click here](#).

FHSA congratulates all our winners and nominees!

Head Start Awareness Month Highlights

October was Head Start Awareness Month and on October 18 Dover Shores Head Start program in Orange County celebrated with their children and families by creating unique shirts and posters that showed their appreciation for their program and learning. Check out these great pictures from their event.



Children First hosts a beachfront party with a purpose

It was a beautiful fall evening on the Gulf Coast of Florida - a perfect night for nearly 300 guests to gather under a tent on the beach at Sharky's on the Pier in Venice for the annual "Rockin' Lobster" event, benefiting Children First. Children First has been recognized as a four-time Program of Excellence designee

within the Head Start community - one of only two Head Start and Early Head Start providers in the nation to receive this recognition. [Read More...](#)

The US and the High Cost of Child Care

A recent study by Child Care Aware® of America found that childcare is unaffordable across the nation. Learn more about the burden this puts on families and communities as well as their policy recommendations to address this issue. This report is accompanied by several resources, including a parent tip sheet and an interactive map of child care costs that allows users to browse county- and regional-level variation in cost and affordability across states. [Click](#) to access the full report, parent tip sheet, and an interactive map.

Updates from NHSA

Head Start Recognized By White House as Leaders in Treating Effects of Opioid Epidemic

WASHINGTON, DC – Representatives of the Head Start community attended the bill signing ceremony today for bipartisan legislation to treat those affected by the opioid epidemic. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act did not contain all of the recommendations the NHSA-led Opioid Working Group recommended in its policy paper released in July. Nonetheless, Head Start leaders are still hailing the legislation as a strong first step in expanding the role of the holistic family and child development program to effectively respond to a scourge that has affected more Americans than any previous substance use disorder. Find more information [here](#).



NHSA will host its 35th annual Parent and Family Engagement Conference in Orlando, FL on December 17-21, 2018. This year's conference will expose a wide range of new resources and thinking on the topic of young children's challenging behaviors and how Head Start programs can address the wellness needs of children, families, and staff. [Click](#) to view conference registration and hotel details.

What the Trump Administration's Latest Attack on Immigrants Means for Kids

A new regulation change will hurt immigrant families, including U.S.-born children

By Ajay Chaudry & Hirokazu Yoshikawa

October 17, 2018

The Trump administration followed up on its brutal separation of thousands of migrant children from their parents at the U. S. border by proposing a new regulation that could lead to the separation of even lawfully present immigrants from their citizen children. As researchers focused on creating opportunities for children to succeed, and as passionate Americans, we are appalled. And like so many across the country, we are ready to speak out and fight back. [Read More...](#)

Employment Opportunities

[Management Information Specialist](#) | Ounce of Prevention Fund and Healthy Families Florida Central Office
Tallahassee, FL

[Behavior Specialist](#) | Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc.
Hernando/Sumter County

[Home Visitor](#) | Episcopal Children's Services
Dixie/Gilchrist County

[Program Nurse](#) | Lutheran Services Florida Children and Head Start Services
Pinellas County

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