



## Episcopal Children's Services of Florida Head Start Vice President Selected Administrator of the Year for Outstanding Service

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL – November 1, 2022** – The Florida Head Start Association (FHSA), representing Florida's Head Start Programs, has named Autumn Tomas of Episcopal Children's Services Administrator of the Year.

Ms. Tomas was introduced to Head Start in 1998 when she enrolled her 3-year-old son into a Head Start classroom; she joined Episcopal Children's Services program in 2005. With more than 17 years of service, she's contributed to every department and built upon her first-hand experience to become the Vice President of Head Start/Early Head Start.

Thanks to her dedication, she's helped the program expand exponentially—from 560 children to 2,953 children across 12 counties in Northeast and Central Florida. Ms. Tomas has served several communities and associations, including Chairperson for the State Annual Conference Professional Development Committee, Chair for the FHSA Directors Affiliate Group, and Chair for the V.I.P Sub-Committee for Florida Head Start Association's Professional Development Committee.

"Autumn goes above and beyond to ensure a standard of excellence in all of the Head Start program service areas. She ensures every member of our team is valued and supported to fulfill the Head Start and ECS missions of supporting children and families to reach their full potential," said Episcopal Children's Services Chief Officer of Center Operations Jeanne Dillard.

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 Hard Rock Hotel in Daytona Beach, FL, on February 9, 2023. 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 43,000 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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