

State Association Recognizes Parent of the Year – Mid Florida Community Services

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TALLAHASSEE, FL – September 5, 2023 – The Florida Head Start Association (FHSA), representing Florida's Head Start programs, has selected Krystle Dominguez as Parent of the Year from Mid Florida Community Services. Ms. Dominguez has been a Head Start parent since 2020 and currently serves as Chairperson for the agency's Policy Council, a group of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and community members who help lead and make decisions about their program. Council members are elected by the parents of children enrolled in the program.

Ms. Dominguez has been actively engaged in various initiatives within Mid Florida Community Services and is a positive role model for other parents in their program. She has logged over 140 volunteer hours in the Home and Center Based programs. She has overcome many challenges but continues demonstrating strength and resilience through them all with an unwavering commitment to her family and community while exuding confidence. Being an advocate to ensure all Head Start and Early Head Start children and families' well-being is her driving force.

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, <u>www.FLHeadStart.org</u>.

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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