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## The Florida Head Start Association Announces Florida's Head Start Collaboration Director

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Head Start Association is pleased to announce the hiring of the Office of Head Start's Collaboration Director for Florida is Ms. Mimi C. Jefferson, effective October 5, 2020.

"Mimi is an accomplished Early Childhood professional, entrepreneur, and advocate with significant Head Start experience. Florida is lucky to have someone with her talents to lead the Head Start Collaboration office as we continue to grow and serve young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life," stated FHSA President Kymberly Cook.

Jefferson previously served as a former Head Start Director with over 20 years of Early Childhood Education experience in the private sector and Head Start. In addition, she has served in many Head Start/Early roles such as Disabilities/Mental Health Manager, Nutrition Manager, and Deputy Director of Education.

Ms. Jefferson assumes the Head Start State Collaboration Director's role after the departure of Ms. Nacole Guyton, who accepted a position of Senior Vice President with the Children's Home Society of Florida.

Florida's Head Start Collaboration Office is housed under the Department of Education Office of Early Learning with a grant under the University of North Florida. The collaborative relationship between local Head Start programs in Florida (represented by the Florida Head Start Association) and the Florida Department of Education (through its Head Start State Collaboration Office—HSSCO) to improve the well-being of Florida's most vulnerable children and families.

For more information about the Florida Head Start Association, visit [www.FLHeadStart.org](http://www.FLHeadStart.org).

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