



Florida Head Start Association

Excellence. Advocacy. Leadership.

October 2018

[Subscribe](#) | [Archive](#)

In This Issue...

1. [Letter From FHSA Executive Director](#)
2. [News from the National Level](#)
3. [Legislative Activities at the State Level](#)
4. [What's Happening Around the State](#)
5. [Employment Opportunities](#)

Calendar of Events

October

8-11 [NHSA Fall Leadership Institute Arlington, VA](#)

9 [Home Visitor Series Relationship-Based Competencies for Home Visitors Webinar](#)

11 [Exploring the](#)

Letter From FHSA Executive Director

October is both National Head Start Awareness Month and National Principals Month! This is the perfect time to incorporate the Office of Head Start **#LeadersinSchoolReadiness campaign**. The Office of Head Start has provided some significant material to help get you started. Read more about this initiative and how you can take part in starting the conversation below under News from the Office of Head Start. When sharing your great work, don't forget to include [@FLAHeadStart](#) Twitter handle and post to [@FLHSA](#) on Facebook.

We have been bustling over here at FHSA with launching our new website and database system. We hope you have found sometime to check it out www.FLHeadStart.org. Tell us what you think. We appreciate your patience while we make system changes which will improve event registration process, make membership renewals easier and the able to share great resource to keep you informed about what's happening. FHSA also hired a part-time intern last month. Her name is Lexi Brown. She is currently a student at Florida State University studying Commercial Entrepreneurship, and Hospitality & Tourism Management. Lexi was hired as our Event Coordinator and Communications Intern last month. She has done a great job and I can't wait for you to meet her.

Relationship-Based
Competencies for Early
Childhood Professionals
Who Work with Families
Webinar

16 Improving Your Hearing
Screening and Follow-up
Practices: Webinar for
Experienced Otoacoustic
Emissions (OAE) Screeners
Webinar

17 Active Supervision for
Child Safety Webinar

29 FHSA Quarterly Board of
Directors Meeting West
Palm Beach, FL
30-31 FHSA Fall
Governance Training
Workshop and Awards
Luncheon West Palm
Beach, FL

Don't forget! FHSA is hosting a Program Governance | PFCE Training October 30-31, 2018. Back by popular demand, Ms. Mable Jones, a former Head Start parent, teacher and parent coordinator will provide you with the ins and outs of Program Governance, Performance Standards, Health & Safety, ERSEA New Rules & Monitoring Process, Parent, Family and Community Engagement. Come absorb the knowledge to ensure your program establishes the right structure to an effective program governance. **Registration is open until October 19, 2018 or until capacity is reached. Register Today!**

In conjunction with this training event, FHSA will present leadership awards during our Annual Awards Luncheon on the 31st. Check out this years honorees by [visiting here](#).

I'm looking forward to my trip to Washington D.C. for NHTA Fall Leadership Institute, (FLI) October 8-11, 2018 along with 30+ Florida Head Start/ Early Head Start Directors, Parents and Staff. While NHTA will have some great speakers lined up and provide informative information attendees will also prepare to make hill day visits with their local Congressperson. This is always a great opportunity to showcase the great work you are doing and highlight the importance of Head Start programs.

In closing, let keep our friends in the Carolinas still reeling from the after effects of Hurricane Florence. Though Florence was downgraded to a tropical depression, life-threatening flooding continues in the Carolinas. If you have not already, consider [making a donation](#) to the American Red Cross.

Updates from the Office of Head Start

Bring a Principal to Head Start

Throughout October, I encourage center directors and management teams to invite a principal from a receiving school to visit your program—or do any activity that strengthens this connection.

It's no secret. When Head Start programs and public schools work together, children are more likely to retain and build on the gains they've made in Head Start. At the Office of Head Start (OHS), we want to promote Head Start-receiving school partnerships and celebrate the relationships you've already built. Find more [here](#).

Delay in Compliance Date for Background Checks and QRIS

The Office of Head Start (OHS) will delay the compliance date for comprehensive background check procedures and for programs to participate in their state or local Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS). Programs have until September

30, 2019 to comply with the comprehensive background check procedures as required in 45 CFR § 1302.90(b) and to participate in their state or local QRIS as required in 45 CFR § 1302.53(b)(2) of the Head Start Program Performance Standards final rule. Find more [here](#).

Supplemental Funds Available to Increase Program Hours in Head Start and Early Head Start

The Office of Head Start (OHS) announces the availability of approximately \$295 million to be awarded for increasing the total annual hours of high-quality early education services offered to children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start center-based, family child care, and locally-designed programs. All applications (Amendment to Increase Program Hours) must be submitted in HSES not later than December 1, 2018. Find more [here](#).

Head Start Child and Family Experiences Survey (FACES)

The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to collect data for a new round of the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). Find more [here](#).

Legislative Activities at the State Level

Gov. Scott Appoints Linda Shaughnessy to Early Learning Coalition of Orange County

Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Linda Shaughnessy to the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County. Shaughnessy, 60, of Orlando, is an accountant at St. James Cathedral School. She received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Loyola University. Shaughnessy succeeds Linda Gonzalez and is appointed for a term beginning August 13, 2018 and ending April 30, 2021. Find more [here](#).

What's Happening Around the State

Le Jardin- A Long Way From Day Care

Seventy new jobs created on one year, additional hundreds of thousands of dollars being paid to local vendors such as caterers and insurance providers, science curriculum before kindergarten. Is this another new school? Not exactly, as it is instead the non-profit Le Jardin Early Learning Academy with a motto of, "Planting Seeds for the Future". Isn't Le Jardin the day care center for children from economically disadvantaged families? Yes and no.

Updates from NHSA

Congress Passes \$200 Million Increase for Head Start

NHSA Press Release

WASHINGTON, DC, – The National Head Start Association (NHSA) today welcomed final passage by Congress of legislation making a significant increase in the federal investment in Head Start.

“Head Start remains one of the most effective early intervention programs for children from at-risk backgrounds from birth to age 5, and this funding increase validates that track record,” NHSA Executive Director Yasmina Vinci said. “From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the abilities they need to be successful in school and life. The bipartisan support for this funding bill further demonstrates that even leaders who have trouble agreeing on much concur that Head Start is a worthwhile investment in building our nation’s future.”

Employment Opportunities

[Center Manager](#) | Episcopal Children's Services
Alachua County

[Program Nurse](#) - Palm Beach Head Start | Lutheran Services
Florida
West Palm Beach

[Executive Director](#) | Redlands Christian Migrant Association
(RCMA)
Immokalee

[Head Start Teacher](#) | Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. -
Head Start Hernando County
Spring Hill

>>> [See More Job Openings](#)



Info@FLHeadStart.org | www.FLHeadStart.org

(850) 694-6477

This email was sent to wanda@flheadstart.org by Info@FLHeadStart.org

Florida Head Start Association • [111 N. Gadsden Street, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, United States](#) • 850-694-6477

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by  **MemberClicks**