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Letter from Executive Director

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful time during the holidays. As we proceed into the new year the partial federal government shutdown is still looming. What does that mean for Head Start? Nothing at this time because of previously passed measures that cover a [full year of funding for Head Start](#). Visit the [White House Office of Management and Budget website](#) to view updates on affected agencies.

A New Year equals new goals and new opportunities to re-charge ourselves. Why not start with professional development. FHSA is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year and we hope you will join us April 1-4, 2019 in America's oldest city St. Augustine, FL. Our Professional Development and Education Committees have been hard at work developing a phenomenal education program for you. Check out conference registration and details below. We hope to see you in St. Augustine.

As you are aware, the New Year brought us new Congressional and State leadership and now it's time we educate them about what we do. NHTSA is hosting their Winter Leadership Institute later this month which provides us an opportunity to meet our new Congressional members and talk with them about the Head Start/Early Head Start programs in their district and the importance of increased funding. [Check out](#) Florida's new members. In March, FHSA is hosting it's first ever Hill Day

[King Jr. Day](#)

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during Children's Week. Stay tuned for more details.

Florida was one of the 45 states awarded additional funding from the Federal Preschool Development Birth Through Five Grant. We welcome the opportunity to work directly with Florida's Department of Education Office of Early Learning to support improve upon Florida's early learning system and partnerships.

FHSA Board of Directors will meet on January 15, 2019, to further review the composition of the associations' board. The Bylaws committee has reviewed and proposed a solution to ensure we have a well-rounded composition that is reflective of our membership. I will keep you posted on what had been decided.

In partnership,

Wanda Minick
Executive Director
FHSA

Updates from the Office of Head Start

On Dec. 26, 2018, the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced a partial shutdown due to the expiration of the second continuing resolution for the fiscal year 2019. With funding provided under the terms and conditions of the prior continuing resolution, FNS was able to fund Child Nutrition Programs at least through January.

FNS has just announced it is providing state agencies with additional available appropriated funding that should last into March. This update impacts Head Start programs. [Click](#) to read FNS announcement.

Three Federal Register notices from the Administration for Children and Families, the Office of Head Start, were issued on December 21, 2018. The notices announced information collection activities for the [Head Start Program Information Report](#), the [Head Start eligibility verification](#), and the [Head Start Grant Application and Budget Instrument](#).

In case you missed them, click on corresponding links above to be directed to the notice.



REGISTRATION OPEN

JOIN US FOR
FHSA 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 1 - 4, 2019

RENAISSANCE WORLD GOLF
VILLAGE RESORT

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

On your mark- get set go! Registration to attend the FHSA 2019 Annual Conference & Expo is open for exhibitors and conference attendees. This year FHSA is pleased to announce it's opening **Keynote speaker Adam White.**

Adam will kick off this year's 20th Anniversary

Celebrating Excellence, Advocacy, and Leadership in Quality Early Childhood Education & Services by

providing a powerful opening, thought provoking and motivational challenge to attendees based on his book ***"Made for Greatness: The 7 Habits that Unlock Greatness"***.

You certainly do not want to miss out on this keynote that will inspire all to develop more effective leadership skills and abilities along with cultivating new leaders.



During our **20th Anniversary Celebration April 1-4, 2019 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort**, FHSA has some exciting excursions lined up for you to learn the history of American's Oldest City, St. Augustine, FL. **Check them out.**

Learn More



Don't forget! Book your hotel accommodations before the room block sells out!

Group Discounted Rate from \$121 /per night++

FHSA room block is open and available

on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservations made after the Thursday, March 07, 2019 deadline or after the room block is at capacity are not eligible for the discounted group rate.

FHSA special rate is being offered three (3) days pre and post conference

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Online**

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Resort**
500 South Legacy Trail,
St. Augustine, FL 32092

What's Happening Around the State

Dr. Bergeron visited Orlando Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

Director of the Office of Head Start Dr. Deborah Bergeron visited the Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. (4C) and Orange County Head Start programs in Orlando last month while attending the National Head Start Family Engagement conference in Orlando, Florida. Check out these great photos captured during the visit.



Richard Corcoran unanimously appointed Commissioner of Education

Tampa Bay Times, FL - December 17, 2018

Former House Speaker Richard Corcoran, an aggressive advocate for expanding charter schools, voucher-like scholarships, and other school choice policies, was unanimously appointed to be the commissioner of education on Monday.

The commissioner is the state's chief education officer, in charge of representing Florida's public educational system (except universities), and is appointed by the State Board of Education, whose members are appointed by the governor. Governor-elect Ron DeSantis publicly recommended Corcoran, who has served as a top adviser to DeSantis during the transition, earlier this month. [Read More.](#)

Pinwheels for Prevention Season is Open

Pinwheels for Prevention is a national campaign, highlighted during the month of April, designed to raise awareness by supporting community activities and events that promote ideas, programs and policies that prioritize healthy child development and support parents and families.

Pinwheel ordering season is here! To purchase pinwheels please visit this [weblink](#). If you have questions, please contact Chris Lolley clolley@ounce.org or Nydia Ntouda ntouda@ounce.org. **Order before January 31 and receive a free yard sign!** All non-profits receive a discounted price! Contact Nydia or Chris to receive your discount code.

One Goal Summer Conference



The FHSA is pleased to continue its sponsorship with the 2019 Summer Conference **ONE GOAL: BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER "PUTTING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FIRST."**

This year, the conference will be celebrating 33 years of bringing together early education and care providers and leaders from around the state. It is especially important that we all work together, to collaborate, and share how we can do more with less in our programs, practices, and techniques to improve the services and outcomes for all Florida's young children.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Tampa Downtown in Tampa, Florida, on July 17-19, 2019. The conference will include general sessions, concurrent presentations, and exhibits of appropriate materials.

We invite you and your staff to submit a proposal to present. An electronic version of the Presenter Proposal Form is located on the [conference website](#). The deadline for proposal submission is April 5, 2019. All proposals will be reviewed by the Planning Committee and the primary presenter noted on the proposal will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of the proposal.

The conference registration fee of \$75.00 will be waived for the

primary presenter only. All co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred.

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Coordinator, Frankie Allen, at (850) 893-6270 or email: frankieallen_2000@yahoo.com.

Updates from NHTSA



A new Congress will head to Washington in January 2019, bringing new opportunities, new priorities, and new leadership. Join Head Start leaders in Washington, D.C. at the start of this new Congress to discuss what this environment means for Head Start and help forge a new path forward. WLI will take place January 28-31, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

[Click](#) to view conference registration and hotel details.

Employment Opportunities

[Family Advocate](#) | Episcopal Children's Services
Clermont, FL

[Early Learning Specialist-Head Start](#) | Episcopal Children's Services
Alachua /Gainesville FL Region

| Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc.
Daytona Beach, FL

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

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