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Letter from FHSA President & Executive Director

We trust everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July and was able to enjoy all the festive celebrations being offered. While we were celebrating our independence this July 4th others in our country are still struggling everyday for theirs.

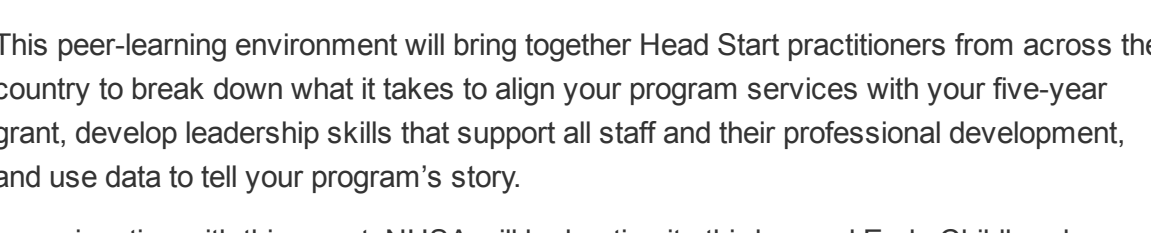
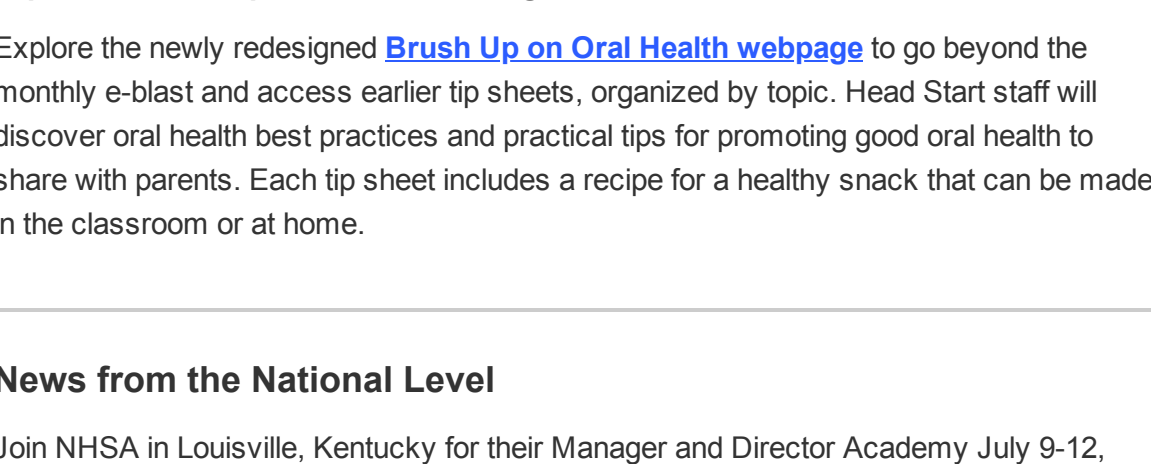
FHSA will host our Directors Group quarterly meeting July 17 in Tampa along with a FHSA Board of Directors meeting. Check out our calendar of events web-page for more details about these meetings plus others.

FHSA values its members and considers it a privilege to recognize Head Start programs and leaders who epitomize commitment and excellence in our state.

Did you know you can donate to Head Start by simply shopping? Amazon's fourth-annual Prime Day is coming up on Tuesday, July 17 and will feature one-of-a-kind deals exclusively for Prime members.

In partnership,

Louis A. Finney, Jr. Wanda Minick
FHSA President FHSA Executive Director



Introducing the Director of the Office of Head Start

The Office of Head Start Director Dr. Deborah Bergeron invites you to tune in for information pertaining to School Readiness and how Head Start continues to work and assist child's transition into kindergarten.

Check out the National Center of Early Childhood Health and Wellness New and Improved Brush Up on Oral Health Page

Explore the newly redesigned Brush Up on Oral Health webpage to go beyond the monthly e-bral and access earlier tip sheets, organized by topic.

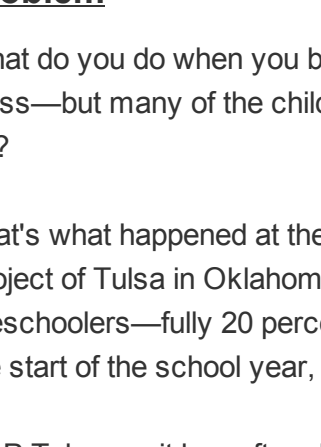
News from the National Level

Join NHSA in Louisville, Kentucky for their Manager and Director Academy July 9-12, 2018 for a 4-day journey through the Head Start grant cycle.

This peer-learning environment will bring together Head Start practitioners from across the country to break down what it takes to align your program services with your five-year grant, develop leadership skills that support all staff and their professional development.

In-conjunction with this event, NHSA will be hosting its third annual Early Childhood Innovation Summit July 9-11, 2018.

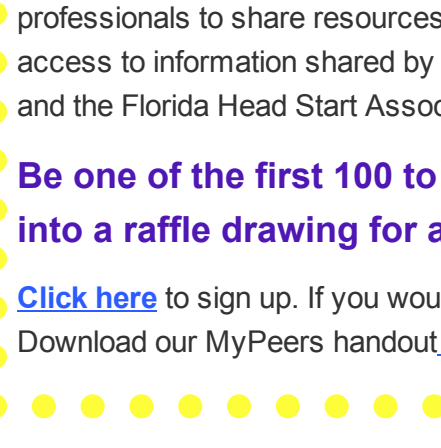
The Family First Prevention Services Act was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018. This act reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act.



Child Care Disaster Response and Recovery Webinar Series

In the Fall of 2017, Child Care Aware® of America's emergency preparedness team launched an all new Disaster Response and Recovery Webinar Series to help meet CCR&R staff needs.

Since then, many of our webinars have expanded to include topics for child care providers. (Note: Child care providers are encouraged to check with their state training approval system to see if trainings delivered through webinar can be used for annual training requirements.)



State, Regional and National Awards being Accepted

As the state association for Head Start, one of our primary responsibilities is to recognize individual achievements making notable and significant contributions and to honor the leaders of our sector and association.

This year, FHSA will award the following below at the state level. To be considered for a FHSA award we will utilize the applications received from the Region IV Head Start Association (RIVHSA) nominations.

- Parent of the Year (RIVHSA Parent of the Year application)
Teacher of the Year (RIVHSA Teacher of the Year application)
Executive Director of the Year (RIVHSA Administrator of the Year application)

Join us in recognizing the achievements of your families, staff and colleagues by nominating them for a FHSA industry award. Visit our webpage for deadline details.

Legislative Activities at the State Level

Florida lawmakers file bill to end family separation at U.S. border
...Florida lawmakers, along with 190 other House Democrats, filed a bill Tuesday to end the Trump Administration's policy to separate migrant children from their parents at our country's border.

Report: Potential 2020 Census Undercount Could Harm Florida Children
...Following statewide expansions of insurance programs, more kids than ever have access to health care, according to the latest Florida Kids Count report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

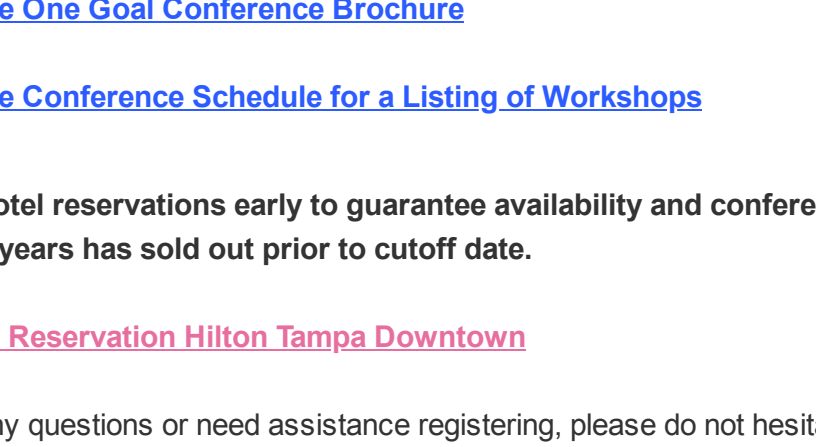
How Data Helped Head Start Centers Tackle a 'No Show' Problem

What do you do when you build a preschool class—but many of the children never show up?



That's what happened at the Head Start program overseen by the Community Action Project of Tulsa in Oklahoma, or CAP Tulsa for short.

CAP Tulsa, as it has often done in the past, turned to data both to figure out the problem and devise a solution. And in doing so, it provided an example of how all of Head Start's 1,600 grantees are now expected to infuse data into their decision making and continuous-improvement processes.



Missed the monthly Director's call on June 20, 2018? No worries, click here to view webinar recording. Download agenda and handout.

Calling All Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care Partners!
Feel like your missing out? Sign up to join Florida Head Start and the Florida Collaboration Office joint on-line Community!

A rule workshop on Rule 6M-8.301 Standard Statewide Provider Contract for the VPK Program will take place at the following dates and times below, or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier:

July 18, 2018, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier. The location will be the Hilton Tampa Downtown, 211 N Tampa St., Tampa, Florida 33602, Room: Palma Ceia I.

July 24, 2018, from 3 to 4 p.m. or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier. The workshop will take place via webinar. Click here to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The preliminary text of the proposed rule development is not available at this time. A copy will be posted on the OEL website prior to the workshop.

Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to OEL.Rules@oel.myflorida.com. All emails should have "6M-8.301 Comment" in the subject line.

What's Happening Around the State

Guest Column: More support is needed for mental health programs
The Florida Times-Union deserves praise for its recent editorial "The massive impact of suicide."

Florida remains ranked 50th nationally for mental health funding, despite the fact that our state's suicide rates continue to rise each year.

As one of the state's largest providers of state-funded behavioral health services, Lutheran Services of Florida joins the Times-Union's call for increased state funding on services and education for vulnerable Floridians.

We also appreciate the Florida Legislature for recently dedicating an additional \$69 million toward mental health needs in the aftermath of the Parkland school shooting.

It is crucial that we remain focused on the links between suicide, mental health and substance abuse.
Ready for school, prepared for life
The Weekly Challenger by Frank Dr. Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – Last month, the Pinellas County Annual Head Start Advantage held its Annual Awards and Awareness Luncheon, presented by Lutheran Services Florida, at the Coliseum. This yearly event is a report on the progress of their programs.

Founded as a summer program in 1965 to aid children of low-income households, Head Start and Early Head Start programs today serve over a million children nationwide. They aim to provide comprehensive services to children ages and social services for their families.

Le Jardin Early Learning Academy hosted a field day which was part of their end-of-year celebration. Center 5 held a field day in cooperation with the Family Literacy grant participants. The purpose of the event was to teach parents and children about team building, sportsmanship, and competing in a fun way.



Make plans NOW to join the One Goal Summer Conference on July 18-20 in Tampa at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel.

Keynote speaker, Dr. John Hodge, a passionate, informative, inspirational speaker who will leave you with a sense of renewal and excitement. Dr. Debbie Silver, closing General Session keynote speaker, a motivating, high energy speaker, whose presentations are described as "where learning collides with laughter" as she addresses both the art and heart of teaching.

There will also be 96 exciting and educational presentations!

Registration for the conference is only \$75 per person and made possible by so many generous sponsors who work hard to keep our costs low so that everyone can benefit.

Register for the One Goal Summer Conference
Download the One Goal Conference Brochure
Download the Conference Schedule for a Listing of Workshops

Make your hotel reservations early to guarantee availability and conference rates. The last two years has sold out prior to cutoff date.

Make a Hotel Reservation Hilton Tampa Downtown
If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please do not hesitate to call the Conference office at (850) 893-6270.

FLAEOC Annual Conference September 5-9, 2018

The Florida Association for the Education of Young Children (FLAEOC) is planning an exciting conference line-up for the annual conference to be held September 5-9, 2018 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando.

Calendar of Events

- July
17- FHSA Directors Group Meeting, Tampa, FL
17- FHSA Board of Directors Meeting, Tampa, FL
18 - 20 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
19 - Connecting to Community Health and Wellness Partners to Enhance Professional Development
24 - 25 OHF 2018 Conference, Orlando, FL

Employment Opportunities

- Primary Caregiver: Infant/Toddler Teacher | Episcopal Children's Services
Community Outreach Coordinator | Head Start of Volusia County
Pre-Kindergarten Program - Head Start Classroom Manager Assistant | The School Board of Martin County

>> See More Job Openings
Are you hiring? Submit your job posting to FHSA to ensure you attract the top applicants in state. This is a free member benefit.



To enhance and support the capability of local Head Start programs in the delivery of high quality services for our children and families.

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