

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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Content Topics: P.A.L. Institute, Legislative Session, Non-profit Status, and Hiring the NMHSA Coordinator

Reporting Information:

- P.A.L.(Parent Advocacy Leadership) Institute
 - NMHSA held a Parent Advocacy Leadership (P.A.L.) Institute in Santa Fe, March 16-18, 2025, with Gloria Lopez, PAL Institute Chair.
 - 30 Parents participated
 - Keynote Speaker Senator Michael Padilla to start the session off on Sunday evening
 - Two virtual sessions before the Institute: Introduction to PAL, and ECECD State Priorities- Casey Lafferty and Head Start Priorities, NHSA-Tommy Sheridan
 - Parents received training at the Institute on how a bill works, the process, and the opportunity to practice their elevator speech and role-play in speaking with their legislators. Participated in the Early Childhood Day at the Roundhouse on March 17, 2025. Many programs and agencies, including NMHSA, had a table with information, activities for children, and swag to hand out.
- NMHSA elected new president: Patricia Grovey Evans
- Legislative Session ended March 21, 2025: Bills support Head Start programs in the state of New Mexico
- Non-Profit Status Renewal: The application has been submitted, and moving forward, the association will have an accountant we contract with to ensure the association remains legitimate and maintains timely reporting and filing.
- Hiring of the NMHSA Coordinator: pending

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s):

Date: 4/7/2025