

**REGION VI & TEXAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD**  
**Quarterly Reporting Form**



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**Position: THSSCO Director**

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**Reporting Information:**

- The THSSCO participates meetings with the Associate Director of Early Childhood Education at Children at Risk, and participates in the EHS Coalition activities. They received a grant to launch some work around the landscape of EHS/HS in Texas. The grant activities include a landscape assessment, parent policy group, family childcare workgroup & early childhood coalition involvement. Link to the [EHS/HS Coalition Launch: Landscape Survey Findings](#).
- Participates in quarterly meetings with the Texas Early Learning Council, supporting the strategies and activities noted in the state & THSSCO strategic plan and the grant application activities. The work of the council includes integrating early childhood state data. The council formed a data workgroup to streamline the work of the group. The latest meeting took place on April 1, 2022.
- The THSSCO Director's engagement on the Texas Early Learning Council supported the work of the newly launched [Early Childhood Texas](#) Website, and provided HS/EHS data and information. The website is a one-stop shop to access information about early childhood programs and resources for parents.
- The THSSCO supports the work and engagement of the Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) and Texas School Ready (TSR) at the Children's Learning Institute (CLI), by recruiting EHS teachers, coaches and specialist to participate in the free program.
- The THSSCO will provide extra outreach to Head Start/Early Head Start Administrators to promote participation by setting up accounts in the Texas Workforce Registry.

- The THSSCO continues to participate in the Houston Infant Toddler Coalition (HITC) quarterly meeting and the Pre-Natal to 3 (PN-3) meetings hosted by First3Years, including participating in the Developmental Promotion Work Group Meeting. The HITC supports programs and provides services to increase positive early experiences for infants and toddlers and to better meet the needs of families with young children in Houston.
- The THSSCO supported the recruitment of approximately 250 HS/EHS teachers for the Cultivating Awareness and Resilience in Education ([CARE Grant](#)), that was recently awarded in September/2021, to the Children’s Learning Institute. The CARE program is a mindfulness-based program that helps teachers better manage their stress and enhance their social-emotional skills. The grant is being implemented in HS/EHS programs below over a five-year period. The THSSCO is supporting the Co-Director of the Children’s Learning Institute to plan a meeting with administrators across the state to share about the grant and other opportunities to participate. Current programs participating in the grant:
  - Family Service of San Antonio - Sandra Garza
  - AVANCE Houston – Dr. Antionette Montgomery
  - ChildCareGroup, Dallas - Wendy Ogren
  - Parent Child Inc., San Antonio – Dr. Sharon Small
  - ESC 20, San Antonio - Carol Morgan
- The THSSCO participates in quarterly meetings with Cal Lopez, Director of the Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Office, to engage in activities of the Home at Head Start Initiative to enroll children from homeless shelters.
- The THSSCO Director participates in monthly meetings with the Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Learning Community on Homelessness with collaboration directors in all states and territories.
- Participates in meetings with the Region 6 Federal Regional Interagency Council on Homelessness (FRICH), provided resources and contacts for them to use in future meetings and conferences.
- The THSSCO is working with the other collaboration directors in Region VI to present a pre-conference event on Opioid Abuse and Substance Use Disorders at the **Region VI Head Start Association Conference in September.**

The THSSCO Needs Assessment Survey closed on 3/23. The data is being analyzed and compiled at this time. The report and strategic plan will be shared and published on the THSSCO Website after it has been finalized.

The THSSCO received the Funding Guidance Letter for 2022-2023 from ACF/OHS Region VI on 3/22, to guide the submittal of the THSSCO grant application for year 3 of the 5-year grant cycle, that’s due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Grant preparation will begin within the next week as I work to complete the needs assessment report and strategic plan.



**Board Action Items: None**

**Report Attachments (if any):**

**Signature(s):** *Alferma Giles* **Date Submitted:** 4/6/22

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