

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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CORRESPONDENCE THIS QUARTER INCLUDES: *Gloria Lopez, Kenneth Gilbert, Alferma Giles, Kahree Wahid, Paula Brown, Olga Valenzuela, Jacqueline Burton, Sara Wilhite, Yasmina Vinci, and Tommy Sheridan.*

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION (AHSA)/HSSCO

The AHSA meets every other month to conduct business with the association's four classes. The last meeting was held in March, whereby we focused on the following items: The AHSA has been working to change their goals and strategic plan. A committee has been assigned to work on the specifics after the state association received virtual strategic planning training on how to do this. The committee reports every other month when the association meets and plans to have a completed plan before the end of the year (2022).

EHS/Head Start programs, as well as, the HSSCO engaged in the fundraiser with Generation Wellness and collected \$3,075.00, while only one EHS/Head Start program and the HSSCO participating in the training. It was a good training.

AHSA directors have an opportunity every other month to share ideas, thoughts, and other information on how they run their programs and the issues they have been faced with since COVID-19 has been around. The topic in May focused on Early Childhood Special Education Services and funding available from the Division of Child Care. This has been a great opportunity for all programs to learn new and hard information, along with problem solving. It has been definitely a plus for new directors and staff.

The HSSCO director has put together a new fact sheet that highlights the statistical data for the EHS, Head Start, and Migrant –Seasonal Head Start programs in Arkansas (See Attached).

The HSSCO has also been working on the following initiatives:

- 619 coordinators on ways to collaborate in serving children w/disabilities
- The state Leadership Team
- Homelessness
- EHS-CCP Programs
- Wellness Course for Families in AR
- Opioid and Substance Misuse w/HSSCO in Region VI
- Planning for the Regional and State Institute

Newly Elected Region VI Board Representatives from Arkansas

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
<p>Susan Templeton NWA Head Start 2109 SE J Street Bentonville, Arkansas 72712 (479) 636-7317 stempleton@nwaheadstart.org</p>	<p>Sara Wilhite, Director – Alt. Little Bitty City Enrichment Center 154 Cornerstone Blvd Hot Springs, AR 71913-6560 (501) 520-0660 swilhite@lbcec.com</p>
<p>Jacqueline Burton, Staff MCAEOC Head Start P.O. Box 1289 Blytheville, AR 72316 (870) 776-1059 ext 58 jhhburton@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Tequila Smith, Staff Families and Children Together, Inc. 2720 Vine Street P.O. Box 10670 El Dorado, Arkansas 71730 (870) 862-4545 tequila.smith@fact-inc.com</p>
<p>VACANT, Parent</p>	<p>VACANT, Parent</p>
<p>Jackie Govan, Friend AR Head Start Collaboration Office 1400 W Markham, Ste 406 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 371-0740 jackie.govan@arheadstart.org</p>	<p>Rhonda Ahrent, Friend Black River Area Development Corporation 1403 Hospital Avenue Pocahontas, AR 72455 (870) 892-4547, ext 232 rhonda.ahrent@bradcorp.org</p>
<p>Hopefully, we will have the parent reps. Identified soon!</p>	

The HSSCO is working on the following initiatives and activities from the HSSCO's strategic plan. Some of these activities and initiatives includes:

- Working with 619 State Coordinator,
- Mind, Body, and Spirit Wellness Course for Families,
- Powerful Conversations/Interviews with Fathers,
- Arkansas Court Team w/Zero to Three and Families

- OSM State and Regional Planning
- Arkansas Oral Health Coalition
- Meeting with State Leadership Teams
- Homelessness and EHS-CCP State Partners
- Arkansas School Readiness Summit Planning Team

Arkansas' Upcoming Events in 2022

- ~~HSSCO Annual Report Due in January~~
- EHS-CCP Quarterly Meeting in May
- Homelessness Quarterly Meeting in May and August
- 6DREECE in Arkansas w/Legislators in April
- Powerful conversations with Fathers in June and October
- Opioid and Substance Misuse Summit in September
- Arkansas/Region VI Head Start Association Institute in September
- Fatherhood Mentoring Program in October/Grant
- School Readiness Summit in November

The Arkansas/Region VI Head Start Association Institute will be held as a face-to-face institute, which will be held in Jonesboro, Arkansas on September 27-30, 2022. The Call for Papers went out on Wednesday, January 5th to all five states. The AHSA Board has approved for the institute to be held at the Red Wolf Convention Center. The AHSA Planning team and Board has approved the following speakers for the institute: Jonathan Edison, Rebecca Isbell, and Sidney Moncrief.

Arkansas is also asking the Region VI Board to assist with the following:

1. **This Institute for now - will be face to face. Encouraging people to register and letting them know that their vaccine card is a requirement to attend the Institute.**
2. **We have identified a "Special One day only" for staff to attend (Thursday).**
3. **Participate in the "Design your own Head Start T-shirt Contest."**
4. **Disseminate Institute Flyer and other information in each of the five states.**
5. **Pre-Institute: Opioid & Substance Misuse {Work w/Collaboration Directors}**
6. **Participate in the General Session Agendas.**

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION

The webmaster has updated the Region 6 web-site but still need pictures of the new officers and board members. This request was also made in January but we have not received anything. **Please send these pictures asap and no later than the end of July.**

NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT

The Region 6 representative (Govan) for the NHSA Board has attended two meetings with the NHSA (January & March) Board. The next meeting will be in May during the NHSA's national conference in Baltimore, Maryland. They will be having an orientation for new board members prior to the conference.

The update for the last meeting (March) included the following:

- The NHSA's mission and vision

- Yasmina shared the three Goals, Five Approaches to Strategy, and Head start’s 10 Core Components
- The following committees were asked to report out: 1) Nominations and Governance, 2) Executive, 3) Finance, 4) Governmental Affairs, 5) Research and Evaluation, 6) Resource and Development and Membership, and 7) Service Committees.
- Tommy gave a report on the FY22 Budget, which included the **good news** and the No So Good News... There were 3 funding priorities for FY22 prepared and submitted which included:
 - A **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**
 - Quality Improvement funds to address childhood trauma, and
 - Funds to provide longer hours of service.
- The chair also shared the reports from the regions in the United States and asked if any region would like to share. There was no report for Region VI submitted or given.

NHSA also shared that they are in search for an auditor. The last auditor had to leave due to a shortage of staff. The RFP has already gone out.

The following events were shared:

- Fall Leadership Institute in Washington D.C. – September 19-22, 2022
- Parent & Family Engagement Conference in Dallas, Texas – December 12-18, 2022

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *It is strongly recommended that the Region VI Board members participate in a Strategic Planning training to help us ALL get back on track.*

Respectfully Submitted:

Jacqueline Govan, HSSCO Director

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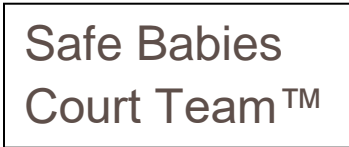
Jacqueline Burton, AHSA Board President
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