

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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

1. EHS/Head Start Program Updates

- Programs: Opened/Virtual/Hybrid (if needed)
- Collaboration w/Arkansas PBS (Teachers and Parents)
- Return of the EHS/EHS-CCP Quarterly Meetings
- AR/Region VI HSA State Institute - 2022

2. Fatherhood and Family Initiative

- Fatherhood Sessions and Display during Institute
- 2022 Fatherhood Needs Survey
- Powerful Virtual Conversations with Fathers – ~~Feb., April, June~~, October,
- 2023: DROC, Fatherhood Interviews, and Survey Results

3. Homelessness

- Collaboration w/State MV Liaisons
- Institute Presentation: Ways to End Homelessness in Arkansas

4. Racial Equity

- A. Create the FIRST Racial Equity Web-site in Arkansas
- B. Setting up Racial Equity Resources for Parents, Teachers, & Administrators
- C. SUTEAR Professional Development Model
- D. Collaborating with AR Community Action Agency to do Racial Equity Webinars

5. Opioid/Substance Use for 2022
 - AHSA/Region 6 Pre-Institute
 - Collaboration with Other 4 States

6. School Readiness Summit
 - Date: November 4, 2022
 - Speaker: Kristin Tenney-Blackwell
 - Topic: Unpacking the Pyramid Model/Social Emotional Development

7. AR Imagination Library (ARIL)
 - Dolly Parton comes to Arkansas
 - ARIL is expanding our goal to work with children in Foster Care & Hospitals
 - Surveying to make sure ALL EHS/Head Start/CC children are receiving books

8. Professional Development
 - Professional Development Registry (PDR)
 - Collaboration w/DCCECE and others to place EHS/Head Start trainings on the PDR
 - Offer Webinars on Racial Equity

9. Arkansas' Oral Health Coalition
 - Strategic Planning in October to move the coalition forward
 - Collaboration with EHS/Head Start Programs

10. Other Work w/State Partners in Arkansas Include:
 - Preschool Inclusion Team
 - Child Find/Disability Indicators/State Plan
 - State Interagency Coordinating Council
 - Excel by Eight
 - FASD/None for Nine Workgroup
 - AECC/State Advisory Council
 - AHVN Collaboration & Planning
 - Safe Babies Court Team
 - State Leadership Team Meetings
 - Community of Practice (COP)/"Making Pre-school Inclusion Work" Book Review
 - Arkansas Childhood Obesity Prevention (ARCOP)
 - Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA)
 - EHS-CCP Quarterly Meetings
 - Collaboration with Publishing Companies – Great Relationship

NHSA/AHSA

NHSA has been working on several issues to improve things in our EHS/Head Start programs by working on the reauthorization, sharing facts on the American Rescue Plan's new guidance for supplemental funding to support general CCDBG state goals, and other important issues for states. It feels really great since NHSA (Kent Mitchell) is meeting with Collaboration Directors and getting their input on critical issues , as well as, what's working well in our states.

It was so exciting to see the State and Regional Impact Report! NHSA has been working really hard to support, unite, and uplift the great work that is being done in the states by State Associations, Regional Offices, and the Collaboration Offices. The report includes notable team successes that positively impacted the national ECE landscape.

The AHSA is working to build and meet the Dollar per Child for 2023. The Dollar per Child amounts submitted went very well this year! We met our Dollar per child amount for 2022 (\$9,491.80). Yea!

Office of Head Start (OHS)

Karen Heying retired. Beth Caron is definitely keeping Collaboration directors in the loop on the national level by consistently inviting representatives to our monthly call to discuss and share, as well as, manage issues in our states. Our next virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th at 2 p.m. CST. We are planning to have a face to face meeting in 2023.

Collaboration w/Dallas Regional Office

It has been really nice working with Joseph Lassiter with the Dallas Regional Office. He has been very supportive and provide great information and resources to assist with much of the work that I am doing in Arkansas.

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION

The HSSCO director serves on the Region 6 Board and provides quarterly, oral and written reports that outlines all activities for the previous quarter. Since the last Region 6 Board meeting, the HSSCO director has been engaged in the following:

- Providing and sending out information on the AR/Region VI Institute.
- Providing the zoom link for quarterly virtual meetings.
- Posting information on the Region's web-site.

- Collaborating, planning and sharing information with Collaboration Directors in Region VI.
- Sending emails and trying to coordinate with Region VI President.
- Paid Region VI 2022 Membership dues (\$500.00).

REGION VI WEB-SITE.

The webmaster has updated the security on the web site. This called for the transferring of data back over to the site. Information was sent out regarding the Region VI Institute, as well as, uploading reports. The webmaster is still asking for photos from board members, state presidents, and advisors to update the list on the web site. The HSSCO director will be available to take pictures during the Region VI meeting in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

AHSA CLASS Meetings - Every Other Month

The AHSA meets every other month to plan, coordinate, and network with EHS/Head Start programs through different classes. The classes are made up of directors, staff, parents, and friends. Guest speakers are scheduled and invited to attend meetings to share updated information that would be of interest to the classes. The AHSA has met several times this year (2022) for their Institute planning, Class, and Board meetings.

The AHSA/HSSCO has also completed its strategic plan. This is a five year strategic plan for the association (2022-2027). The AHSA has also put in place a Strategic Planning Committee to ensure that ALL goals are completed within a timely manner. The plan has identifies some actionable goals that will increase involvement in the association and enhance the work that is being done in the local programs around the state. The plan will be reviewed at each AHSA meetings.

There has been a great deal of turnover in program staff, however, programs continue to do their best in providing quality services to children and their families. The numbers are down for funded slots due to some conversions from Head Start to Early Head Start. Many accolades to our staff and administrators for the dynamic work that they do despite the issues with COVID-19.

ARKANSAS/REGION VI INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

The AR Institute planning committee meets every other month in planning for the upcoming AR/Region VI Institute. The AHSA did not have an annual institute in 2020 due to Covid-19, and had a virtual institute in 2021. This year, we will have a five-state face-to-face institute at the Red Wolf Convention Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Our theme for this event is *“People, Purpose, and Passion” The Pathway to Success*. Arkansas is proud to

sponsor the Region VI Institute in conjunction with “one night only” for Arkansas to recognize outstanding EHS/Head Start workers and degreed staff.

It is truly exciting to be able to collaborate with HSSCO directors from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico to address Opioid and Substance Misuse on a platform that brings all five states together to learn from each other. This will be the pre-event to the institute.

We have dynamic speakers lined up for three dynamic general sessions, approximately 60 small group sessions, and for the first time, we have added a Leadership Development luncheon for all directors and executive directors. Other highlights of the institute include a Head Start T-shirt contest, Silent Auction, Exhibitors, and excellent time for networking and meeting with

A budget report of the AR/Region VI Head Start Association will be shared during the conference report (see agenda).

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Pictures for Web-site

Report Attachments (if any):

None

Signature(s):

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Date: _____

Jacqueline Govan, HSSCO Director

Date: _____