

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. The activities and initiatives include:*

1. **Arkansas Awarded Preschool Development Grant (PDG)** – The first PDG meeting is scheduled for this week with the assigned grant manager (Judy Wilgren).
2. **EHS/Head Start Program Updates**
 - Programs: Opened/Workforce Issues
 - Return of the EHS/EHS-CCP Quarterly Meetings
 - AR/Region VI HSA State Institute - 2022
3. **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
4. **Homelessness**
 - Collaboration w/State MV Liaisons
 - Institute Presentation: Ways to End Homelessness in Arkansas
5. **Racial Equity**
 - A. Create the FIRST Racial Equity Website 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

6. Opioid/Substance Use for 2022

- AHSA/Region 6 Pre-Institute
- Collaboration with Other 4 States

7. School Readiness Summit

- Date: November 3, 2023
- Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock

8. AR Imagination Library (ARIL)

- Dolly Parton Visited Arkansas.
- ARIL- expanding our goals to work with children in Foster Care & Hospitals
- Surveyed ALL EHS/Head Start/CC children to ensure they are receiving books.

9. Professional Development

- Collaboration w/DCCECE and others to place EHS/Head Start trainings on the PDR.
- HSSCO Offers Informational Webinars on Racial Equity
- EHS-CCP Quarterly Training & Informational Meetings
- Homelessness in ARKANSAS
- Powerful Conversations with Fathers (One Hour of Power)

10. Arkansas' Oral Health Coalition

- Collaborative Strategic Planning
- Collaboration with EHS/Head Start Programs in 2023

11. 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 Relationships

Office of Head Start (OHS)

The OHS has replaced Ann Linehan with Tala Hooban, OHS Acting Director, who also is the replacement for Ann Linehan.

I am happy to announce that the OHS has hired someone to work with HSSCO directors in all states. Omair Shamim

A special thank you goes out to Beth Caron for 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 February. We are still planning to get back to face-to-face meetings this year.

NHSA

NHSA is using a new format for the Board reports called “*Board Matters!*” This will bring brevity to lengthy reports. The Board Matters shares the most essential and important facts. The saved time then will bring time for discussion and hearing from others about essential issues that matter to programs. Tala Hooban also shared and listened to us to see what the issues were in the various states.

Information was also shared on:

- National Trends
- The State of Head Start
- NHSA – A Quick Year in Review
- New & Exciting Things
- Shifting Our Advocacy Strategy
- What’s New at OHS?
- In Memoriam...Manuela Rendon, Dr. Willie Epps, and Laurie Coleman

NHSA recently had their Winter Leadership Conference in Washington DC. There were only 6 exhibitors, but lots of quality sessions to attend. NHSA did a fantastic job organizing the “Day at Capitol Hill.” Arkansas had a great team of 7 but the people attending did not represent each area of the state, however, with the HSSCO director attending, she shared the

issues in other parts of the state as well. The team met with four legislators (2 representatives and 2 senators): Boozeman, Cotton, Womack, and Crawford.

Collaboration w/Dallas Regional Office

Joseph Lassiter and Tatia Long met with HSSCO directors in region 6 to review and share data on programs in our states. They also provided an overview of some of the issues and priorities in region 6. The HSSCO directors also gave a brief report about what was happening in their state. It was great to connect with them both and especially on these issues.

It has been very rewarding to work 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 is being done 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 website.
- Collaborating, planning, and sharing information with Collaboration Directors in Region VI.
- Sending emails and trying to coordinate with Region VI President.
- Preparing to pay Region VI 2023 Membership dues (\$500.00) (Awaiting Invoice).
- Prepared check to mail to region 6 Treasurer in the amount of \$22,947.34 for the 50% split profit from the AR/Region HSA Conference.

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. *Let's Keep our website up to date!*

ARKANSAS/REGION VI INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

The AR Institute planning committee met every other month in planning for the 2022 AR/Region VI Institute, The AHSA worked to make the Region 6 conference a success even after checking COVID-19 vaccine cards. The five-state face-to-face institute was held at the Red Wolf Convention Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Our theme for the event was “*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 was genuinely 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 was the pre-event to the institute.

We had 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 included a Head Start T-shirt contest, Silent Auction, Exhibitors, and excellent time for networking and meeting others. The proceeds from our Silent Auction goes to the Arkansas Imagination Library.

The budget report of the AR/Region VI Head Start Association is attached for your convenience.

The AHSA is already in the planning stage for their state institute. The institute is scheduled for June 6-9, 2023.

AHSA CLASS Meetings

The AHSA meets every other month to plan, coordinate, and network with EHS/Head Start programs through different classes. The classes include directors, staff, parents, and friends. Guest speakers are invited to attend meetings to share updated information that would be of interest to the classes. The AHSA had their first meeting in January for 2023.

The AHSA/HSSCO has completed their 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 identified 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. Other issues that programs have faced include workforce, retention, salaries, and other.

The AHSA is working to build and meet the Dollar per Child for 2023. The Dollar per Child amounts submitted went very well last year! Arkansas is working hard to meet our Dollar per child amount for 2023.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

- Pictures for Website
- Check for 50% Split
- Two Invoices sent to Paula for the Website and Webmaster
- Update Website Information

Report Attachments (if any):

2022 AR/Region 6 Association Institute Budget Report

Signature(s):

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Date: _____

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Date: _____

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