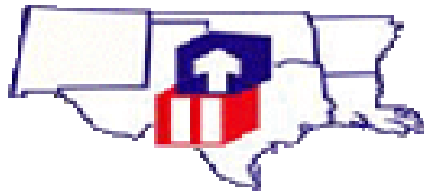


# REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

## Quarterly Reporting Form

July 18, 2023



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### Correspondence:

1. Conference calls with Maria Cervera, ACF, OHS Region VI HSSCO Liaison
2. Conference calls with Katie Dufford-Melendez NHSA Director of State Affairs – Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte (no Homelessness meeting in May)

**Content Topics:** Planning for Fall 2023 In-Person OKACAA Conference with complete 6 session Head Start track, Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board & EHS-CCP Grantee Meetings scheduled, Work with Oklahoma's PDG, & Summer Camp

### Reporting Information:

Fall OKACAA Conference: Head Start Track- Working with the OKACAA Conference committee and the Region VI T&TA staff, among others to complete the Head Start Track for the fall in-person conference, September 20-22 in Oklahoma City. Collab program assistant has met with Head Start staff across the state to gather input for the conference topics. I have secured Oklahoma's Secretary of Human Services as our keynote on Poverty in Oklahoma. Our theme is "Strengthening Community through Connection". One of our most exciting sessions will be a "speed dating" session where Executive Directors of state-wide nonprofits, University ECE department chairs, and directors of early childhood focused state agencies will be available for a 10 minutes speed dating session with participants, then the participants will switch to another agency/program. We've invited 13 state-wide programs/agency heads and 3 universities, and ALL have already accepted. I can't wait to hear the feedback from Head Start conference attendees!

Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board & EHS-CCP Meetings scheduled: The next EHS-CCP meeting will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> while the next Collaboration Office Advisory Board meeting will be held October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Working with Oklahoma's PDG: As a board member of Oklahoma's SAC (Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness) is the receiving entity for the PDG grant. Oklahoma's Head Start Collaboration Office and some of Oklahoma's Head Start programs will be recipients/partners in several of the initiatives. The Collab office specifically will be once again facilitating the planning & implementation of the Transition Summit. The PDG is providing some funding for this so we can reach more people. Also, Head Start/Early Head Start programs will be able to apply to be a part of Oklahoma's 3-year intense implementation of Pyramid Model. They will be recruited from programs who have participated in the Peer Learning Communities that is facilitated through the Collab Office.

Successful Summer Camp Sessions! The Collab Office hosted a total of 4 Summer Camp Sessions for Oklahoma's Directors and Managers. The 1.5 days consisted of 4 training sessions specific to self-care, Remembering Your Why, Compassion Fatigue, and Fostering a Positive Mindset. Before, between, and after each of the sessions, the participants were treated to "summer camp" fair, such as snow cones, s'mores, and dinner at a nice restaurant. The response from participants was 100% positive and the biggest "ah hah" for them and us was how much they appreciated being able to connect with other directors and managers in a small, intimate setting. My assistant and I also provided facilitation of discussion that helped guide problem solving around specific issues. We are so grateful for our state funding that allows us to do things like this!

**Board Action Items:** None at this time

**Report Attachments (if any):**

**Signature(s):** *Paula A. Brown*

**Date:** 07/13/2023