

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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Content Topics: NMHSA and ECECD Strategic Planning Retreat, Region VI Conference Planning, Challenges, and PAL Institute.

Reporting Information:

- NMHSA, ECECD, and Early Childhood Coalitions met May 13-14, 2024, in Albuquerque for a first-ever Strategic Planning Retreat. All Head Starts are across the state, including tribal Head Starts. The purpose of the retreat was to come together and strategize how to strengthen collaboration and partnerships to align programs and services better to meet the needs of New Mexico's children and families. Director Khari Garvin, Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales, and other key leaders in Early Childhood helped open the two-day summit.
- Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Early Childhood Summit occurred in Santa Fe on July 24, 2024. Tribal Governors, Legislators, Advocates, Teachers, and Head Start gathered for a one-day summit to discuss Early Childhood Education's future in New Mexico.
- NMHSA held a Parent Advocacy Leadership (P.A.L) Institute in Santa Fe. Planning is starting to take place; we plan around the Early Childhood Day at the Roundhouse.
- Challenges with under-enrollment, staffing concerns, and RAN-Risk Assessment Notifications from the Office of Head Start.
- Region VI Conference Update:
 - Conference Dates: October 22-25, 2024, at Hotel Albuquerque
 - Registration page is up and live: <https://region6conference.com/>
 - Seeking Vendor/Exhibitor and Call for Presenters- want to have more training versus training offered through vendors. We would like to have every state representative with training to offer.

- Listserv from State Presidents/Collaboration Directors of all State Head Start Directors so we can add to the listserv for the conference.

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s): *Crystal Pava*

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