



APRIL 2008 Update

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Executive Symposium on 2007 Head Start Act: April 15th – San Diego, CA

Head Start Grantee Directors, Governing Board and Policy Council Members, as well as selected allies, are invited to review and reflect on the opportunities and challenges presented in our new legislation. Please join us in San Diego on April 15th for the Executive Symposium on Reauthorization. This one-day event will serve to present a common framework, highlight the dramatic changes confronting our programs and build an agenda for CHSA at the state and national levels. Head Start's 2007 reauthorization, Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, PL 110 - 134, initiates in a new era of opportunity and challenge for local programs, our employees, clients and community partners. For thousands of children and families in California, the implementation of this act will profoundly impact their experience and later school success.

Marriott Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108 - 619-692-3800 –
Registration on-line at <http://caheadstart.org/Symposium.html>

NHSA 35th Annual Training Conference: April 20-24th, Nashville, Tennessee. Join **Dr. Lillian Katz** a noted international leader in early childhood education, **Dr. Robert Pianta**, Dean of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, **Pat Brown**, Acting Director, Office of Head Start and over 3000 colleagues in Nashville. Over 100 special sessions focusing on reauthorization, management, classroom practices, community partnerships and much more will be featured this year. NHSA's Annual Training Conferences offer sessions for every level of local, state and federal Head Start staff as well as other early care and education practitioners. For more information go to the www.nhsa.org

Spring Cluster Meeting on Head Start & State Collaboration – May 6th to 29th (Seven Locations) Head Start 2007 reauthorization act ushers in a new era for grantees and our state child development partners. In addition, state education reform agendas from the Governors Office to local communities are calling for a review of the early education systems and economic investment to narrow the achievement gap in our service areas.

Please join the Board of the California Head Start Association, California Head Start State Collaboration Office and special guests to review emerging challenges and opportunities. In

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addition to the policy discussion, deeper discussions will be facilitated in the areas of Community Care Licensing, Workforce Development and Head Start & State Child Development Fiscal Strategies. Spring Cluster Meetings on Head Start & State Collaboration are funded by a grant from the David & Lucile Packard Foundation.

Spring Education Cluster Trainings - May 6th to 29th

CHSA is pleased to offer local education trainings next to our annual spring cluster meetings. Please take a look on the CHSA website for additional information on these two excellent training offered by the National Head Start Family Literacy Center and the Committee for Children.

- National Head Start Family Literacy Center
Supporting Parents to Succeed ~ A Family Literacy Training~
Offered May 6, 8, 14, 15, 20, 22
- Committee for Children
Educating the Heart and Mind
Offered May 29, San Luis Obispo

For more information on Spring Education Cluster Training, registration and fees go to <http://caheadstart.org/conference.html>

Office of Head Start Monitoring System - Update

The FY 2008 OHS Monitoring Protocol, including two minor revisions applied 3.31.08, is available for download, go to www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov

Community Care Licensing Head Start Roundtable

In collaboration with the California Head Start State Collaboration Office, California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, Region IX Office of Head Start, and Region IX TA Network we are pleased to present this series of Roundtables in June 2008. To ensure broad participation, we have selected 3 key locations; Sacramento, Los Angeles and Oakland. We are pleased to bring forward this opportunity to explore Community Care Licensing regulations and expectations of our agencies. The health and safety of children is a fundamental objective to all Head Start and Early Head Start programs. During this one-day discussion presentations will be made by senior management from Community Care Licensing and Region IX Office of Head Start, local panels on best practices, as well as a review of systems management related to the health and safety of children. Time will be provided for networking and Q & A.

- June 5, Sacramento
- June 9 Los Angeles
- June 10, Oakland

Registration Deadline – June 1, 2008 – Registration On-line – Go to: <http://caheadstart.org/conference.html>

Pre-K Advocacy Day: Building the Preschool Movement

April 22, 2008, 9:30am - 4:00pm, Sheraton Grand Sacramento - Pre-K Advocacy Day will bring together key pre-k supporters and stakeholders from across the state to call on policymakers to make effective pre-k for California's children a priority. To find more information about Pre-K Advocacy Day go to Preschool California http://ga3.org/campaign/advocacy_day_registration Advocates will have the opportunity to meet with state legislators, network with fellow pre-k advocates, find out about this year's pre-k policy issues and learn effective advocacy tips.

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Registration materials and Institute agenda will be mailed out mid-April.