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## Sonia Manzano Conference Keynote Speaker

The California Head Start Association is pleased to announce our January 2004 Conference Keynote, Sonia Manzano, best known for her role as "Maria" on *Sesame Street*.

Sonia Manzano was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, and is a first-generation American of Latino descent. She has become an influential and positive role model for millions of children since the 1970's, when she was offered an opportunity to join the ethnically expanding production of *Sesame Street*.

Sonia's family moved to the South Bronx where she lived most of her childhood. Her involvement in the arts was inspired by junior high school teachers who recognized her talents and encouraged her to audition for the High School of Performing Arts. She was accepted there and began her career as an actress.

A scholarship took her to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and in her junior year, she came to New York to star in the original production of the off-Broadway show *Godspell*. Within a year Sonia was cast as "Maria" on *Sesame Street*. After ten years as an actress, Sonia began writing scripts for the series and has shared thirteen Emmy Awards to date as part of the *Sesame Street* writing staff. She most enjoyed assisting the development of the plot-line for the relationship and eventual marriage to "Luis" (Emilio Delgado) and the birth of their TV daughter, "Gabriela" (portrayed for short time by her real-life daughter).

Sonia has received awards from the Association of Hispanic Arts, The Congressional Hispanic Caucus in Washington DC, The National Hispanic Media Coalition, The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, and was twice nominated for an Emmy Award as "Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series".

She has served on the March of Dimes Board, is currently on the board of the George Foster Peabody Awards, and is proud to have been the 1997 keynote speaker in celebration of "Hispanic Heritage Month," at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

"We are very excited to have her join us in San Francisco", says Pat Stroh, CHSA President. "For so many of our teachers, parents and children 'Maria' is such a wonderful character. I look forward to her inspiration and thoughts of the education of young children", she adds.

Sonia Manzano keynote presentation will be on January 24th. The full conference runs January 21-24, 2004 for more information go to [www.ca-headstart.org](http://www.ca-headstart.org). ▲

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*The California Head Start Association is the unified voice providing leadership and advocacy for the Head Start community.*

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*The California Head Start Association will be an important strategic partner representing Head Start interests in California and the nation.*



**Sonia Manzano**



# 2003 Head Start Oral Health Survey and Forums

In partnership with the state department of Health Services, state Head Start Collaboration Office, the California Head Start Association surveyed the 150 Head Start programs in California serving over 103,000 children. The survey tool is available on line at [www.chsa.org](#) for review. Forty-Seven percent of the programs responded to the survey offering a tremendous amount of evidence related to issues of access, availability and cost of oral health services for Head Start's enrolled population. Respondents represented a wide variety of communities, areas of the state and program designs.

The results of the survey will be reported in four main areas: Achieving Head Start Performance Standards, Barriers to Oral Health in Children, Strategies for Successful Oral Health Programs and Local Oral Health Partnership That Work for Children and Families.

An early evaluation of the survey shows that programs do have success overall in meeting Head Start's Performance Standards, however a number of barriers related to cost, difficulty or absences of insurance, parent values and availability to support children's needs, and providers willingness and education remain significant to achieving the level of service children deserve and need. Furthermore, Head Start programs have constructed local strategies with a variety of partners to achieve results. Most strategies involve extensive partnerships with other agencies and organizations. From county departments of health, county First Five, dental societies and some institutions of higher education, each member of the partnership offers a valuable resource. The underlying theme revealed in this early review demonstrates the critical importance of oral health education for all participants and support of parents to ensure treatments are obtained.

The following dates and locations have been confirmed for the three Oral Health Roundtables:

**October 14, 2003**  
Loma Linda University, Drayson Center  
Collins Auditorium  
25040 Stewart Street  
Loma Linda, CA 92354

**October 16, 2003**  
Oakland's Preservation Park, Nile Hall  
1233 Preservation Park Way  
Oakland, CA 94612

**October 29, 2003**  
Fresno - Franklin Head Start, Auditorium  
1189 Martin Street  
Fresno, CA 93706



Each meeting will offer participants a national, regional and state overview of oral health initiatives related to Head Start services. The state overview will provide extensive resources from a variety of agencies including Maternal and Child Health, Women Infant and Children as well as state First Five and Healthy Families. Survey results, program models and a general discussion of existing barriers will be introduced as background information for the expanded discussion of successful strategies local programs are implementing. The three forums will be uniquely designed to both gather information and distribute promising practices in local communities. Forums participation is by invitation only because of limited space. If you would like to attend please contact CHSA at 916-444-7760.

**Got Milk?**  
Got Milk Advisory Board Asian American Nutrition Education Materials?

The California Milk Advisory Board has a number of resources for Head Start programs. Of interest may be the five pamphlets available free-of-charge: *The Shape of Good Eating*, based on the USDA food guide pyramid, *New Home-New Foods*, an introduction to dairy products; *Understanding Lactose Intolerance*, a guide for recognizing and dealing with this malady; *Cheese, Good Tasting and Good for You*, which includes simple recipe ideas and *Better Health with Calcium*, a basic guide to the benefits of dietary calcium. These pamphlets and other materials are available in Chinese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese. For more information, call Julie Kim at the California Milk Advisory Board, 415-277-4912. ▲



## Diane Dodge

Opening Presenter  
January 21, 2004  
6th Annual CHSA conference

Diane Trister Dodge is the founder and president of Teaching Strategies, Inc., a company that seeks to improve the quality of early childhood programs by designing practical, easy-to-use curriculum and training materials and providing staff development services. Her 38 years of experience in early childhood education have taught her the value of curriculum and training materials that articulate a clear philosophy and practical approach to meaningful learning. Diane has been a preschool and kindergarten teacher, served as the education coordinator for Head Start and child care programs in Mississippi and Washington, D.C., and directed national projects in education and human services. She is an author of *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*; *The Creative Curriculum® for Infants and Toddlers*; *Building the Primary Classroom*; *Building Your Baby's Brain: A Parent's Guide to the First Five Years*; *What Every Parent Needs To Know About 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades*; *Preschool for Parents*; *Reading Right From the Start: What Parents Can Do in the First Five Years*, and several other curriculum and competency-based training materials. Diane served on the Governing Board of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (1990-1994) and is now on several boards of directors, including Nation's Capital Child and Family Development, D.C. Developing Families, and Dumbarton Concerts - Inner City/Inner Child. For the 2002-2003 academic year, Diane was the Barbara E. (Mound) Hansen Early Childhood Lecturer at Iowa State University. ▲

# Head Start Reauthorization 2003

The very narrow passage of HR-2210 has demonstrated the power of Head Start advocacy groups and our partners in Washington DC and all over the nation. NHSA stated in it's August 4, 2003 Legislative Update "Although the bill passed by a one-vote margin, it is important to know that because of your tremendous advocacy efforts, the block granting of Head Start is less likely to take place." Now action moves to the US Senate. Here is what some Republican Senators are saying about Head Start:

Republican Senator Judd Gregg, of N.H. said in an interview "his panel would mark up a bill after the August recess, but added it would not include a Bush administration proposal that would allow eight states to take over local Head Start centers and coordinate them with their own early childhood programs".

Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, of TN said, "As important as the state is, education and caring for children is primarily local solutions work best".

Republican Senator Pat Roberts of KS, opposes the state pilot project because he says the participating states could use federal funds for purposes other than overhauling their early childhood education program "he doesn't want to fix what ain't broke".

Republican Senator George Voinovich, OH has "some reservations about the bill and whether Head Start centers would suffer funding cuts".

*Congressional Quarterly, July 29, 2003*

There are three bills already introduced into the US Senate regarding Head Start's reauthorization as of August 1, 2003

## S 1444 Early Head Start, S. Harkin

- Increases the % of Head Start \$\$\$ set aside for EHS
- From 7.5% to 10%, 2003
- 12% 2004
- 14% 2005
- To 20% 2008

## S. 1483 Comprehensive Head Start Reauthorization Dodd & Kennedy Bill

- \$8.5 FY 2004
- \$16.3 FY 2008
- EHS to 14%
- Expands HS coordination and collaboration through State Head Start QI/Collaboration Offices
- Creates/designates and ECE Advisory Council
- Creates HS T/TA in States and allows supplement (Quality Dollars)
- Involves CHSSCO/QI in monitoring & assessment of HS
- Halts NRS – establishes a 4 year development
- All HS teachers BA level 8 years
- Focus on pre-literacy

## S. 1474 Centers of Excellence Bill, S. Alexander

- 200 Centers (15 CA)
- \$100 Million
- Model Excellence in seamless services
- Employ effective accountability systems
- Coordination of services for prenatal through age 8
- Expand transition from Head Start to K-12
- Teacher Training & Development
- Flexibility to serve HS, EHS and expand to Full day.

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## 2003 Parent Conference

"Parents Pathway to Action"  
CHSA 2nd Annual Parent Conference

November 7 & 8, 2003  
Holiday Inn Bay Bridge  
1800 Powell Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
1-510-658-9300

The California Head Start Association is pleased to present a wonderful opportunity for Head Start Parents and staff whom work with parents an opportunity to listen, learn, grow and celebrate. Our keynotes are Ms. Carla Nino, California State PTA President and Congressman Pete Stark of Fremont. The two-day training will offer four strands of trainings: Children's Learning, Family Life, Personal Development and Community.

Presenters will offer workshops on topics such as:

- Communication Is More Than Saying Hi
  - How to Start Your Own Business
  - Children With Special Needs
  - Effective Meeting Strategies
  - Wellness
  - Money, Money, Money
  - Discrimination
  - National Reporting System and Parents
  - Coping With Crisis
- And many more

For more information and registration materials, go to [www.ca-headstart.org/CHSA\\_conference\\_training.html](http://www.ca-headstart.org/CHSA_conference_training.html) ▲

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# Fiscally Fit

## REPORT California Head Start State Collaboration Office Report

By Michael Silver and Michael Zito

The CHSSCO is continuing work on a number of activities intended to assist Head Start programs and the larger early care and education community:

- The Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Center, California Department of Education (CDE) Special Education Division, and CHSSCO have completed a revision and update of the existing Region IX - CDE Special Education Division Interagency Agreement for Part B services for three to five year old children with disabilities. The draft document was reviewed by an oversight group selected by the CHSA and Special Education Division and will be sent to Region IX and the CDE for final approval within the next few weeks.

- Due to the loss of the DSQIC at the end of August, the CHSSCO has taken on administration of the regional Head Start Health Services Listserve. The listserv is an electronic forum where Head Start health professionals share information amongst themselves on health related issues. If you are interested in joining the listserv, contact the CHSSCO per the information listed below.

- The CHSSCO will present on Head Start - State full-day, full-year partnerships at the CHSA sponsored Fiscal Services Roundtable scheduled for late September in Los Angeles.

- The CHSA, CHSSCO, and CA Department of Health Services Office of Oral Health are sponsoring three regional Oral Health Forums this October. The Forums will bring state of the art information and resources to grantees from state agency and local Head Start sources.

- The CHSSCO has extra copies of the Side-by-Side Comparison: Coordinated Compliance Review and PRISM Processes that may be requested from Michael Zito at [mzito@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mzito@cde.ca.gov).

Look for the next issue of the Bridges Newsletter to be mailed out this fall. ▲

In partnership with the California Head Start Association, Cluster III invites you to join Ms. Jean Childs, Head Start Consultant, for a two-day training in Los Angeles - Fiscally Fit. Ms. Childs has extensive experience in Head Start as project director of Region IX Quality Improvement Center - Development Associates, Inc. In addition to her twenty-five years as a Head Start Director, Jean will draw from a variety of consultants to ensure this training is cutting edge. This training will provide attendees a number of strategies to be up-to-date and fiscally fit.

- Learn about Fiscal Administrative Policies in Early Head Start and Head Start
- Update your knowledge of non-federal share/in-kind.
- Attain increased knowledge of GABI
- Review Cost Allocation systems for long-term success
- Hear state collaboration updates regarding full-day/full year partnerships
- Network with fiscal staff from Early Head Start and Head Start agencies

**When:** September 29 & 30, 2003  
9:00 AM 4:00 PM - Day 1  
8:30 AM 3:30 - Day 2

**Where:** Wilshire Grand - Los Angeles  
930 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
CALL THE HOTEL TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY 213-688-7777  
Room Rate of \$99.00

**Fee:** \$159 CHSA Member Agency/\$179 Non-Member Agency

**Registration:** Download the registration form from the CHSA website:  
[http://www.ca-headstart.org/CHSA\\_conference\\_training.html](http://www.ca-headstart.org/CHSA_conference_training.html)  
Fax/mail no later than September 14, 2003. Fax 916-444-2257  
CHSA, 926 J Street, Suite 1119, Sacramento, CA 95814  
email [chas@ca-headstart.org](mailto:chas@ca-headstart.org) or call 916-444-7760 ▲

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The US Senate has returned from summer break, it is expected that additional bills will be introduced and moved to hearing quickly. Advocates working behind the scenes believe the Senate process will be more constructive. It is critical for programs operating Early Head Start and Head Start that all new program standards come with adequate funding to ensure no further encroachment on base grants. In addition, concern from a number of advocates over concern of tinkering with the program's management system and expanding the involvement of State Collaboration offices in monitoring and Training and Technical Assistance.

In addition to reauthorization, a number of other bills are under consideration in the House and Senate. California's Senior Senator Diane Feinstein has re-introduced S.140 Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers Act of 2003. This bill would expand the Higher Education Act to ensure Head Start teachers obtaining individual baccalaureate or graduate degree who are employed with Head Start for five or more years. The House version of this bill is H. R. 2291 was introduced June 2, 2003. A number of California's Congressional members have signed on as cosponsors of the bill. The list includes Ms. Susan Davis, Ms. Hilda Solis, Ms. Juanita Millender-McDonald, Mr. Bob Filner, Ms. Lynn Woolsey, Ms. Maxine Waters, Ms. Barbara Lee, Mr. Pete Stark, and Ms. Linda Sanchez.

Please take time to contact your representative and thank them for supporting Head Start teachers! You can reach a Congressional Member through the House web site at [www.clerk.house.gov/members/index/php](http://www.clerk.house.gov/members/index/php) or call CHSA and we will look up your member.

Currently, there are over 50 bills introduced in the 108th Congress referencing Head Start. CHSA will continue to monitor the events in Washington DC and update the field through our listserv. To join the listserv go to the web site and add your contact information; [http://ca-headstart.org/policies\\_updates.html](http://ca-headstart.org/policies_updates.html) and look for the sign-up button at the top of the page. ▲

# CHSA 6th Annual Conference San Francisco



San Francisco has long been considered one of the great tourist cities of the world. It is home to some of the most recognizable landmarks, signature architecture and natural beauty. Its many neighborhoods reflect cultural diversity that reflected in artwork and cuisines represent most of the world's peoples. There are so many different ethnic restaurants that you can eat in a different country every night for many, many days. Here are some resources to start planning ahead...

## Visitor Links:

<http://www.sfvisitor.org/>  
<http://www.sanfranciscoonline.com/>  
<http://www.sanfrancisco.com/>

## Sites & Flavors:

Landmarks, Museums, Arts and Sciences, and Key Neighborhoods of San Francisco:  
[http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/site/mainpages\\_page.asp?id=18191](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/site/mainpages_page.asp?id=18191)  
Museum Links: [http://www.sfgov.org/site/living\\_page.asp?id=7604](http://www.sfgov.org/site/living_page.asp?id=7604)  
Restaurants by Type of Cuisine: <http://www.themenupage.com/cuisinesf.html>  
Night Life: <http://www.accessamer.com/sanfrancisco/Nightlife.html>  
Fisherman's Wharf: <http://www.fishermanswharf.org/>  
Embarcadero Center: <http://www.embarcaderocenter.com/home.html>

## Self-Guided Tours:

Diverse City Destinations – 10 Self-Guided Tours:  
<http://northbeach.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http%3A%2F%2Fdestinationsf.com%2F>  
Walking Tour Guided Maps: <http://www.sfvisitor.org/visitorinfo/html/walkpdfs.html>

## Guided Tours:

Alcatraz and Island Hop Tours: <http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/>  
Victorian Home Walk: <http://www.victorianwalk.com/> -  
Mission Mural Tours: <http://precitaeyes.org/tours.html>  
Chinese Heritage Walk: <http://www.c-c-c.org/act/walk.html>  
SF History Tours: <http://www.sfhistorytour.com/index.html>  
San Francisco Ghost Hunt: [www.sfghosthunt.com/](http://www.sfghosthunt.com/) ▲



*“San Francisco has  
only one drawback.  
‘Tis hard to leave.”*

**Rudyard Kipling**



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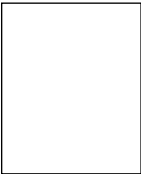
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### Cluster 1 Hosted Trainings on Fatherhood, Literacy and Outcomes



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