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Federal Fiscal Year 09 Appropriations

In February 2008, the Administration marked \$148m increase in FY09 for Head Start. The Senate and House Budget Committees marked \$300m increase in FY09 for Head Start. It is estimated to meet inflation, Head Start needs \$242m. Given the tenor of the national election, it is anticipated that Congress will not pass a spending plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 (10/01/08). Instead it is rumored that federal programs will continue to operate at FY09 level (reminder for Head Start – this is \$10.6m less than FY07). The new Head Start Act allows for programs to negotiate with the regional offices to reduce the number of children served with certain budget conditions. It is estimated by the Bush Administration that over 14,000 fewer children will be served in FFY09. Office of Head Start, Region IX has reported that a number of programs have submitted for a reduction in April & May 2008.

Senate Appropriations Committee expects to mark-up the FFY09 budget mid-late June 2008. House appropriators will follow shortly.

National Head Start Association has established an appropriations goal of \$842m for FY09. CHSA has been reaching out to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee to articulate the impact of ongoing cuts to our children and families. Combined with the turn down in the economy, reduced access to health and social services resulting from State budget cuts, and inflation pressure of every-day expenses, these can be very difficult times for low income families.

Summer Manager & Director Institute

July 30 & 31, 2008 – San Francisco Airport, Westin Hotel

This institute is targeted to serve the needs of directors, program managers and specialists involved in all content areas with a specific focus this year on Fiscal Services, Governance & Program Management, Human Resources & California Employment Law, General Management for New Managers, Family Literacy and Education Systems. Time will be afforded within the Institute for networking, keynotes and updates from our regulatory partners. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with senior managers and directors from all over California.

Again this year, we have the honor of hosting. **Ms. Ann Linehan**, Office of Head Start, Washington D.C. In addition to her National Update on July 30th, Ms. Linehan will be joined by **Ms. Jan Len** and **Ms. Pat Colonnese**, Region IX Office of Head Start, San Francisco, CA to reflect on lessons learned from 2007/08 Federal Monitoring.

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We are pleased to announce our keynote on July 31st – **Ms. Robin Denise Johnson** - Dr. Robin Johnson, founder of EQUEST, Inc. is a Harvard Business School trained Ph.D., and wrote an award-winning dissertation on diversity, work-life balance and empowerment. Dr. Johnson has been an executive educator, mentor, and author in leadership development for women, LGBT and African-American managers for over 20 years. She works with individuals, corporations, non-profits and entrepreneurs to help them enhance their effectiveness and empowerment in our multicultural world. Her presentation will be Dance of Leadership.

California Preschool Study – RAND

In the first comprehensive statewide look at early care and education in California, researchers from the RAND Corporation surveyed a representative group of 2000 parents with preschool age children from more than 700 providers, and observed and evaluated about 250 child care and preschool centers including Head Start. The findings of this report will be released on June 18, 2008. Copies of the report can be obtained at www.preschoolcalifornia.org

Partners for a Healthy Baby: Workshop for Home Visitors August 4-7, 2008 in Santa Barbara, CA

Learn from experts with the Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy how to support your families and achieve program goals. You only have a few more days to register! The deadline is July 1. Hosted by Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County, visit the web site: www.cacsb.com and click on "Healthy Babies Curriculum Training" for complete information. Or you may call Raquel Ruvalcaba at 800-655-0617.

Bay Area Disabilities/Mental Health Cluster Event July 17 & 18, 2008 – Oakland, CA

This Bay Area Disabilities/Mental Health Cluster Event will be held at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Suite 5352, Oakland, CA 94612. Registration fee is \$35.00 per participant. There will be coffee, fruit and pastries offered both mornings. Registration is limited to 60 individuals from Head Start/Early Head Start agencies in Clusters 5, 7, 8, & 9.

Keynote Line-Up - Barbara Kalmanson, Ph.D. Emily Vincent, M.S. CCC-SLP, Marilyn Leonard, M.A. MFT and Rebecca Votaw, BS M.A. Time will be afforded for keynotes, break-out discussions and program updates.

Go to <http://caheadstart.org/events.html> "Head Start Related Events" for registration form, schedule and speaker's biographies.

CHSA 2008 Garden Grant Applications – July 31, 2008

The Head Start Garden Project sponsored by Western Growers Charitable Foundation, and with additional financial support from Lakeshore Learning is now accepting applications. We are excited to promote this opportunity to help children learn more about nutrition and agriculture and to make their vision of a fully operational fruit and vegetable garden a reality.

Each Growing with Children Grant recipient will receive:

- ✓ \$200 check for supplies needed to install a fruit and vegetable garden (Wood, nails, soil, fertilizer, irrigation, garden tools, etc.) and additional resources that have been donated by our partners.
- ✓ Raised Bed Kit
- ✓ Resource guide from CHSA Garden Project Committee: Growing, Eating Living
- ✓ A box of seeds
- ✓ An irrigation kit from T-Systems International with instructions

Grant Application on-line at <http://caheadstart.org/GardenProject.html>

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