

# California Head Start Association October 2009 Update

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## TRAINING Opportunities

October 29, 2009  
Riverside, CA  
Riverside County Office of

Education

### 2nd Annual ECE Conference



[For more information  
and to register](#)

Sierra View Training  
Consortium (California  
Cluster 8) presents...

### Building Blocks of Early Mathematics

## Message from CHSA Executive Director



A group of Head Start directors and I recently attended NHTA's Leadership Institute in Arlington, VA, where we received briefings on the new course being set in Washington, D.C. A couple of themes emerged:

**Collaboration:** In presentations from White House staff, Senate Committee staff and the Departments of both Health and Human Services and Education, the key word was collaboration. For example, Head Start veteran Joan Lombardi now holds a brand new position, serving as an "Inter-Departmental Liaison" from Health and Human Services to promote collaboration with other federal departments. We heard about joint task forces, for example, where leaders of HHS and the Department of Education are talking and planning together for the first time. The message was that this Administration will be breaking down barriers which hinder quality care and they expect localities to do the same.

**New Directions:** We recently heard of the appointment of Carmen Nazario as Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and now most recently, the appointment of Yvette Sanchez Fuentes as the new Director for the Office of Head Start. While this new energy is positive and exciting, we were also reminded that it will require something new from us as providers. The Obama administration and Congress are seeking to raise the bar for the quality of services delivered, which means evolution and change for us as providers.

**Quality Standards:** In 2007, Congress envisioned challenge grants to create state planning councils for improving the quality of early childhood education. In California, the precursor to this is ELQIS (Early Learning Quality Improvement System) and we expect that Governor Schwarzenegger will soon expand ELQIS Advisory Committee membership to include Head Start representation and to create an Early Learning Advisory Council.

This goes to the heart of why Head Start agencies come together as an association - assuring quality care for young children. So, at CHSA we are not waiting to get involved in the quality discussion. A CHSA board subcommittee has already drafted quality standards for preschools in California, based on Head Start experience and encompassing the full range of child needs. (Thanks to Esmirna Valencia of Riverside, Denyse Cardoza of Placer, and Naomi Quiring-Mizumoto of Fresno for their leadership in developing these recommendations.) I am happy to report that Board President Kay Wernert presented CHSA's recommendations at the ELQIS Design Subcommittee's September meeting, where they were

This is a must see opportunity for preschool teachers and home visitors.

Researcher, Doug Clements from University of Buffalo is one of the foremost leaders in Early Childhood math.

Two training sessions offered:

**October 29, 2009  
Redding, CA,**

**October 30, 2009  
Oroville, CA**

[Registration Information and Form](#)

PITC is offering a new training event for Program Directors and College Faculty

### Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Academies

#### Academy I: Creating High Quality Infant/Toddler Programs

Date: February 3-5, 2010  
Location: Berkeley, CA  
Apply by: Nov. 30, 2009

#### Academy II: Supporting Learning and Development of All Children in Infant/Toddler Programs

Date: April 27-29, 2010  
Location: Riverside, CA  
Apply by: Jan. 30, 2010

well received.

[A copy of our recommendations is available on our website.](#)

Because of Head Start's experience with quality measures and practice, you all have a tremendous amount to contribute to this conversation. We encourage you to attend meetings in your area. The work is organized into subcommittees which meet around the State, and representatives from local programs are always encouraged to attend. To find out about upcoming meetings in your area, visit:

[Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee.](#)

**California Outcomes Data:** In a few weeks, we expect to be hearing news of the national impact study of Head Start, which was commissioned by Congress several years ago. In the meantime, however, CHSA is working locally with Child Care Results, which is compiling data from sixteen of our programs' DRDP-R reports (generated for the State of California). This sample of programs represents 16,000 children and is a strong, credible cross section. The initial data review is promising. This is the first time that our programs have released this data to be compiled and released to the general public. Please look for our report next month.

**Winter Conference:** Finally, we had our initial meeting of the Planning Committee for CHSA's annual education conference, to be held in Long Beach Feb 3-5, preceded by the Edward Zigler West Coast Research Institute. We have a great team hosted by Dr. Linda Perry and the staff at Long Beach Head Start, and staffed by Christina Hake at CHSA. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Rick Mockler,  
CHSA Executive Director

## Parent Conference

This year NHSA's Annual Parent Conference will be held in San Jose, California.

In support of NHSA California Head Start Association will forgo its Annual Parent Conference this winter to return in 2011.

(We are still holding our Annual Education Conference and Research Institute as planned)

Please take this opportunity to send your parents and those who work with or on behalf of parents to this national training conference which has been designed to advance their knowledge and skills.

To learn more and register visit:

[NHSA 26th Annual Parent Training Conference](#)

San Jose Convention Center



[For information and applications visit FEATURED ITEMS at www.pitc.org](http://www.pitc.org)

### **Together Rx Access Prescription Savings Program**

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) and Together Rx Access have collaborated to launch the Together Rx Access(R) for HEAD START Card in an effort to help eligible uninsured individuals and families associated with Head Start to access immediate and meaningful savings on prescription medicines and products at their neighborhood pharmacies.

National Head Start Association invites you to participate in an informational webinar on **Thursday, October 27, 11:00-12:00 pm**, to learn about ways in which you can help uninsured families gain better access to prescription medicines.

Visit [TogetherRxAccess Online.com](http://TogetherRxAccessOnline.com)

December 4 - 8, 2009  
San Jose, CA



### **CHSA's 2010 Conference Planning is Underway**

Committee members are meeting to plan a fun, informative and invigorating conference for 2010.



### **CHSA's 2010 Conference Planning Committee**

*Pictured - Front row: Esther Sanders, Laura Westerman, Keena Rush, Pam Prince, Christina Hake. Back row: Trinie Harris, Luanne Mauro-Atkinson, Kathy Whitman, Judith Peete, Dina Perez, Dr. Linda Perry, Alicia Fernandez, Linda Anderson, Shirley Murray, Rick Mockler. Not pictured: Judith Peete, Patsy Cochran.*

### **2010 Edward Zigler Western Research Institute**

cosponsored by CHSA, NHSA & Region IX HSA  
February 2, 2010

### **2010 CHSA Education Conference**

February 3-5, 2010

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel  
Long Beach, CA

**to register  
for this free event.**

On the day of the event, visit [TogetherRxAccessOnline.com](http://TogetherRxAccessOnline.com) to access the presentation. Call 800-261-3225 and use code 3200314.



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### [Call for Presenters!](#)

The California Head Start Association invites you to submit a proposal to present at the Annual Education Conference in Long Beach, CA.

### [Reserve your Room](#)

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel  
111 East Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 437-5900

CHSA Conference Hotel Room  
Rate: \$169.00 single/double

Reserve your room by  
January 15, 2010

Call: 800-228-9898

OnlineCode: (cahcaha)

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### **Director Appointed to the Office of Head Start**

The Administration for Children and Families has announced the appointment of Yvette Sanchez Fuentes as the Director of the Office of Head Start.

Ms. Fuentes past experience includes serving as Executive Director of the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, as a National Head Start Fellow and early in her career worked in migrant Head Start in California. To read the full announcement visit: [Office of Head Start - What's New](#)



### **Report from the California Head Start-State Collaboration Office**

The CHSSCO has been working on the following activities in support of California's Head Start programs:

**Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory  
Committee**

E Rate Solutions Group

InnoVisions



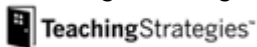
Kaplan Early Learning Company



Lakeshore Learning Materials



Teaching Strategies



Torrey Pines Bank



VinTalk



\$2 Dollar Per Child Campaign



CHSA thanks the following agencies for their generous donations to the \$2 Dollar Per Child Campaign in 2009.

- North Coast

Region IX Office Manager Jan Len, Program Specialist Kristen Hayes and Michael Zito from the CHSSCO presented to the ELQIS Finance Subcommittee on September 16. The presentation was one of a number of presentations intended to give the subcommittee an overview of publicly funded preK programs in the state. In the near future the subcommittee will begin discussing options for funding a quality rating system in California. The ELQIS will make its recommendations to the legislature in 2011.

### Center on Social & Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

A CSEFEL state level workgroup has met several times in Sacramento. In September and October regional "Essential CSEFEL" training events are happening around the state. These general trainings for the early learning community will be followed by more focused "mentor" and "coach" training events later this year and next. For more information, please go to [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/states\\_secondary.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/states_secondary.html)

### California Interagency Oral Health Workgroup

The CHSSCO continues to participate on a state level interagency oral health workgroup, comprised of members from the California Department of Health and Department of Public Health Services (including the Office of Oral Health, which directs the state fluoride sealant program; and a dental consultant from the state DentiCal Office), CHDP, MCH, the California Dental Association and First Five. Dr. Paul Reggiardo, the Region IX Oral Health Consultant has joined the group. When California is added to the Head Start Oral Health Initiative next year (which is being administered via a contract with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry), this group is has agreed to become the oversight committee and Dr Reggiardo will present on the Oral Health Initiative at the next workgroup meeting.

### Migrant Even Start (MEES) and Migrant Head Start

MEES and Migrant Head Start representatives met in Sacramento on September 15th to discuss common issues and collaboration. Bill Castellanos from EOC of San Luis Obispo County Head Start, staff from CDE's Migrant Education Division, the national Migrant Collaboration Office, Migrant Head Start Region 12 TA staff, First 5 California and MEES staff attended. The MEES program and Bill Castellanos agreed to begin a family literacy collaboration that it is hoped will lead to a sample MOU that can be replicated in other parts of the state. The group agreed to meet again at the MEES Annual Conference November 18.

### Disabilities

#### Opportunities

- Stanislaus County  
Office of Education
- Fresno County  
Economic  
Opportunities
- Santa Clara County  
Office of Education
- Shasta County Head  
Start
- Los Angeles County  
Office of Education
- Kai Ming - North  
Beach Center

Additional donations were collected at CHSA events through out the year. CHSA gratefully thanks all the Head Start staff and parents who donated to the campaign at these events.

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How You Can  
Support CHSA](#)

Part B Interagency Agreement has been updated by the CDE Special Education Division and Disabilities TAN specialist and is now being signed. A Head Start disabilities workgroup is planning a web based training event on the IA for this winter/spring.

#### **Coordination with Region IX State Based TA Office and CDE**

The CHSSCO has facilitated several meetings between the new Region IX State Based TA Office staff and other important CDE funded TA providers: a meeting with the California Preschool Instructional Network and another with staff from the Program for Infant-Toddler Caregivers. Both meetings were designed to foster communication and collaboration between Head Start and CDE based TA providers.

#### **Desired Results**

SETA Head Start has begun a crosswalk of the new DRDP and the Head Start Outcomes Framework. The CHSSCO has also worked with the CHSA to identify Head Start representatives to participate in a new alignment of the DRDP and California's Early Learning Foundations.

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