



Arizona Head Start Association

COMMITTEE UPDATES

INTEGRATED HEALTH & SAFETY Committee

About us

Striving to promote health and school readiness; health literacy and advocacy for parents; sharing of knowledge and information and networking, to best meet the needs of enrolled families.



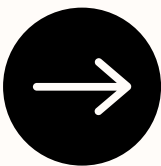
2023 Committee Goals:

- Identify Strengths and Weaknesses
- Expand committee members
- Communication to become unified across the state HS programs



What are we working on:

- Grantees are entering data into the Health Questionnaire for the 2022-23 program year.



Next steps for our committee:

- Compile data to prepare for evaluation
- Request nominations for Vice Chair position

Committee Leaders

Chair: Elizabeth Soqui

Vice Chair: Marcia Archer, RD

Upcoming Meetings

AZ HSA - Integrated Health and
Safety Committee Meeting
August 2023 -Date TBD

Contact

Want to join state level committee work?



-Email: ihs@azheadstart.org



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JULY 2023 UPDATE

DISABILITIES & MENTAL HEALTH Committee

About us

Our committee unifies specialists across the state to promote awareness of Head Start for all children, including those with identified delays, disabilities, and social-emotional needs. We promote effective and appropriate inclusionary practices to improve services and outcomes for all children.



2023 Committee Goals:

- Increase awareness of services provided state-wide
- Increase recruitment/meet 10 percent requirement
- Analyze PIR data to identify strengths, needs, trends

Next steps for our committee:

- Collect TSG and School Readiness data by individual program
- Update IFSP/IEP/Social Emotional Recruitment Flyers

Contact

Want to join state level committee work?



Email: dmh@azheadstart.org

Committee Leaders

Chair: Ana Herron-Valenzuela

Vice Chair: Rosemary Sigala

Meeting Information

Monthly Zoom Meeting
First Thursday of the month
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Current Action

- Collected
 - 2022 Arizona Part C Child Outcomes (birth to three)
 - 2020-2021 National Child Outcomes Part C and B
- Pending
 - 2023 Arizona and National Child Outcomes - compiling now
 - Internal AzEIP Referral form for Early Head Start to be used by AzEIP Service Coordinators
 - Shared IFSP Recruitment flyer with Erica Melies with AzEIP for use with AzEIP service providers

Did you know?

We collaborate with the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP), the Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Services, and local school districts.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT Committee

About us

We work to support both the children within Arizona Head Start classrooms and the Head Start Workforce. Currently, we are working on goals with AZ Workforce Registry.



2023 Committee Goals:

- Up to date staff lists in AZ Registry
- Helping Programs learn about the scholarships and trainings offered by AZ Registry



What are we working on:

~ Never Whisper Justice. Zero to Three, AZHSA Collaboration for ECE Professional Development
~ Partnering with DES & First Things First



Next steps for our committee:

- Chair and Vice Chair reaching out to Point of Contacts for AZRegistry
- Creating and starting Planning Committee for the PD
- Working with First Things First and DES towards MOU with AZRegistry

Committee Leaders

Chair: Gretchen Bonkoske

Vice Chair: Malori Wriston

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, August 16th @ 1:30 Via Zoom

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-Email: ecd@azheadstart.org



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PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Committee

About us

We are dedicated to making community connections to strengthen our work with families & partners, and to further the awareness of Head Start & Early Head Start across the state.



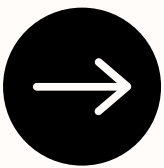
2023 Committee Goals:

- Connections with DCS
- Family Engagement Strategies
- Connections with Community serving the Homeless Population
- Enrollment & Recruitment



What are we working on:

- Recruitment strategies for our AzHSA Parent Advocacy Group for 2024
- Supporting programs through the MOU/DSA Process for SNAP Data to support recruitment outreach



Next steps for our committee:

- Locating assigned HS agency contacts to work with DCS local offices & build connections
- Sharing strategies across programs to support ERSEA & PFCE efforts

Committee Leaders

Chair: Sonya Montoya, NACOG Head Start

Vice Chair: Dulce Quevedo, Child Parent Centers

Upcoming Meetings

4th Thursday of every Month via Zoom

9:00am - 10:30am

Contact

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 -Email: pfce@azheadstart.org