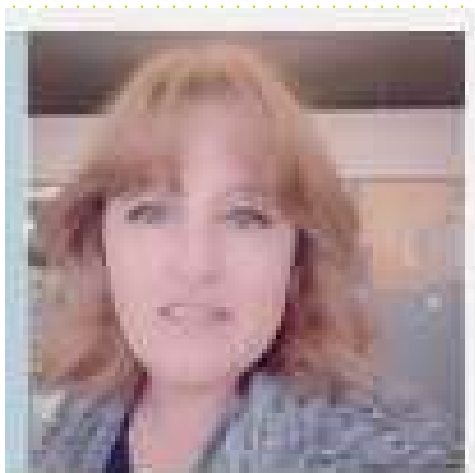


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Agenda



- ▶ Head Start Forward Campaign
- ▶ OHS Expectation for Head Start programs in PY 2021-2022
- ▶ FY 2022 Monitoring Process
- ▶ Regional Updates
- ▶ Upcoming National TTA and Regional TTA events
- ▶ Questions?



Introducing the Head Start Forward Campaign

Return to In-Person Services

- OHS expectations on full enrollment and providing in-person comprehensive services
- Operating Status for Program Year 2021-22
- Recruitment & Selection
- Virtual and Remote Services
- Health/Safety Practices
- Family Engagement
- Staff Wellness / Supports
- Use of CARES Act, CRRSA, and ARP Funding



Stay up to date on the most current COVID-19 Guidance on ECLKC:
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/coronavirus/ohs-covid-19-updates>



Supporting Return to Full In-Person Services

- EHS Teacher Qualifications
 - Robust tracking and monitoring of staff qualifications and PD plans
 - Collaborate to offer in-house Infant-Toddler Coursework to all staff & families

- Utilize ramp-up period through December 2021
 - Be creative in spreading word of mouth
 - Develop thoughtful transition plans in collaboration with your HSAC, families & stakeholders
 - Leverage one-time funds to invest in staff recruitment and retention



Strategies for an Effective Workforce – Staff Wellness

- Staffing Patterns – Time for Breaks!
- Foster a culture where self-care is valued
 - Expand policies and procedures on leave to support mental health
 - Include additional mindfulness breaks in staffing patterns
- Compensation – make it part of your strategic plan to close the gap between direct service & management staff
- Expand/Enhance Physical Space
 - Refresh break rooms
 - Assess classroom/socialization spaces to ensure ergonomics for adults
- Professional development and coaching
- Use self-assessment to determine what paperwork/additional duties of direct service staff can be eliminated or moved to administrative staff

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Time to re-visit your Health and Safety Process!

- OHS Health and Safety Screener – Click [HERE](#)
- COVID-19 Health and Safety Checklist – Click [HERE](#)
 - Focused only on COVID protocols
 - Use this **WITH** OHS /CCHP Screeners
 - Abide by your local jurisdiction's health department and/or licensing agency orders, recommendations and laws
 - Follow the most stringent applicable guidance related to COVID-19
- Arizona Department of Health Services
 - <https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/index.php#schools-home>

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Central Office Webinar Schedule

On Demand

- June 1 - ERSEA and Program Structure
- June 25 – Moving Forward for ERSEA Success
- July 14 – Mental Health and Staff Wellness
- August 4 – Health and Safety Considerations



Upcoming (10am - 11:30am PT)

- August 25 – Grantee Best Practices on In-Person Services
 - [Registration](#)

ECLKC Link

- Click [HERE](#) for HS Forward Campaign Webinars, Slides and Resources.

OHS Expectation for Head Start Programs



- ▶ <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-21-04>
 - Working toward full enrollment
 - Provide in-person comprehensive services
 - Guidance on the use of virtual or remote services
- ▶ Operating Status and Enrollment
 - Approved program options to extent possible
 - September 2021, monthly enrollment in HSES
 - January 2022, reinstate pre-pandemic practices for tracking and monitoring enrollment

OHS Expectation for Head Start Programs



► Virtual and Remote Services

- Interim strategy in the presence of an emergency or disaster
- Strategy for engaging families
- Establish policy and procedures for temporary, weather-related virtual and remote services

► Recruitment and Selection

- Update Community Assessment
- Selection Criteria
- CRRSA and ARP funds

2022 Monitoring Process



ACF-IM-HS-21-03: FY2022 Monitoring Process for HS & EHS

Issued July 27, 2021

- **Focus Area 1 (FA1)**
 - Virtual – Start Date: October 2021
- **Focus Area 2 (FA2)**
 - In-person – Start Date: January 2022
- **CLASS**
 - In-person – Start Date: January 2022
- **Follow-up**
 - In-person or virtual as determined by Regional Office. Start Date: End of Corrective Action Period.
- **Other**
 - In-person or virtual as determined by Office of Head Start. Start Date: TBD, as needed.

Regional Priorities



- ▶ COVID-19
 - Response, Preparation & Prevention
 - Virtual Services
- ▶ Leadership Development
 - Advancing Equity Community of Practice
- ▶ Mental Health/Social Emotional Supports
 - Pyramid Model Cohort
- ▶ Health & Safety
- ▶ Quality Interactions / Professional Development
 - Q-CIT & CLASS
 - Coaching
- ▶ Family Engagement & Community Partnerships



Regional Pilot Projects



- ▶ Community of Practice (CoP): Advancing Equity
 - Strengthen the capacity of grantees to embed equity into program goals, objectives, policies, and practices
 - 19 Grantee Teams accepted into the pilot
- ▶ Pyramid Model Cohort
 - Region-wide implementation plan
 - Foundational track for EHS grantees
 - Demonstration site track for grantees with fully implemented Practice Based Coaching system

Upcoming National TTA Activities



[Upcoming Events | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](https://eclkc.hhs.gov)

- Asking Good Questions to Support Children's Thinking and Learning – September 2, 2021
- Supporting Employee Recruitment and Retention Efforts – September 8, 2021
- My Peers Orientation – September 9, 2021
- The Latest Live from the ACF Office of Early Childhood Development – September 14, 2021

- View past, upcoming events, and registration information [HERE](#).
- For more information on registering for any of these events, please contact your assigned TTA Point of Contact (POC) or Program Specialist

Upcoming Regional TTA Activities



August

- 24th - Pyramid Model EHS Cohort
- 25th - OHS HS Forward – Showcase of Grantee Best Practices on In-Person Services

September

- September 2021 – May 2022: Monthly Coaching Networks
 - 8th HS/EHS Center-based/FCC (2nd Wed)
 - 9th CLASS (2nd Thurs)
 - 16th New Coaches (3rd Thurs)
- 29th – PBC Training Institute

October

- 1st, 4th, 6th & 8th - PBC Training Institute
- 20th - R9HSA Family Engagement Conference

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We'll Get Through This



Questions & Answers

