



Arizona Head Start Association

ECD Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: May 17 th , 2023 Time: 1:30PM		Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 858 7037 3849 Passcode: 604521	
<u>Committee Chair:</u> Gretchen Bonkoske <u>Committee Vice Chair:</u> Vacant			
<u>COMMITTEE HEAD START MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>			
Alhambra Head Start:	Catholic Charities West Side Head Start:	Chicanos Por La Causa: Members excused	Child Crisis Arizona: Malori Wriston
Child Parent Centers:	City of Phoenix:	Deer Valley Head Start:	Fowler Head Start:
Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:	Maricopa County: Gretchen Bonkoske	Northern Arizona Council Of Government: Dayna Smith (Joined, excused due to connectivity issues)	Pinal Gila Community Child Service: Tami Hoover
Southwest Human Development:	Urban Strategies: Marilyn O'Toole	Washington Head Start:	Western Arizona Council of Government: Dadonda Maggott
<u>COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>			
Jessica Rivera-Garcia- <u>AZHSA Director</u>			
<u>COMMITTEE HEAD START & COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>			
Wendy Logue – <u>Az Department of Ed</u>			

GUEST/VISITOR:

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: June 21st, 2023 at 1:30pm on Zoom

Topic	Presenter	Minutes
1) Call Meeting to order & Agenda Revision	Gretchen Bonkoske	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm.• Review Previous month's minutes
2) Committee Updates (<i>election, request for support, etc</i>)	Gretchen Bonkoske and Jessica Rivera-Garcia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chair : no nominations at this time• Jessica Rivera-Garcia explained to the members what the Vice Chair does and to reach out if they are interested.
3) Strategic Plan Committee Goal:	Gretchen Bonkoske	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In touch with following Program's point of contacts for AZRegistry: Child-Parent Centers, WACOG, City of Phoenix, Deer Valley Unified School District, Maricopa County, & Washington School District•
4) Head Start Community Updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates from NHSA Conference• Starling Minds Application – a free app for Mental Health based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.• NHSA Academy- Online platform with trainings and Professional Development. Depending on the membership for the grantee's the trainings range from fee based to free.• NHSA also partners with National University to help teachers with CDA's earn their Bachelor's with tailored classes to ECE and with a Head Start emphasis.• Jessica shared that AZHSA already partners with National University and she is trying to work with them to lower the discount that AzHSA members would get.• Connections made with Zero to Three based here in Arizona.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take aways from NHSA from committee members: Malori shared that teaching staff were able to attend. Dadonda shared that it was interesting and soothing to be validated for the shared struggles, and to be given concrete solutions to implement immediately. • Az Registry does offer Free Professional Development to all Registry members. Chair showed how to find those trainings.
5) Community Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggles and successes shared from multiple members including completing FA2!, Infant rooms ready to be licensed. • Jessica shared the AZHSA website, job postings and offered to go to the opening of the infant rooms take pictures and celebrate the opening. • Wendy (AZ Department of Ed) shared that there are several cohorts starting in the fall and several others starting in January 2024. Reach out to her to get your staff involved.
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8) Adjourn		02:30 pm
Minutes taken by: Gretchen Bonkoske		