

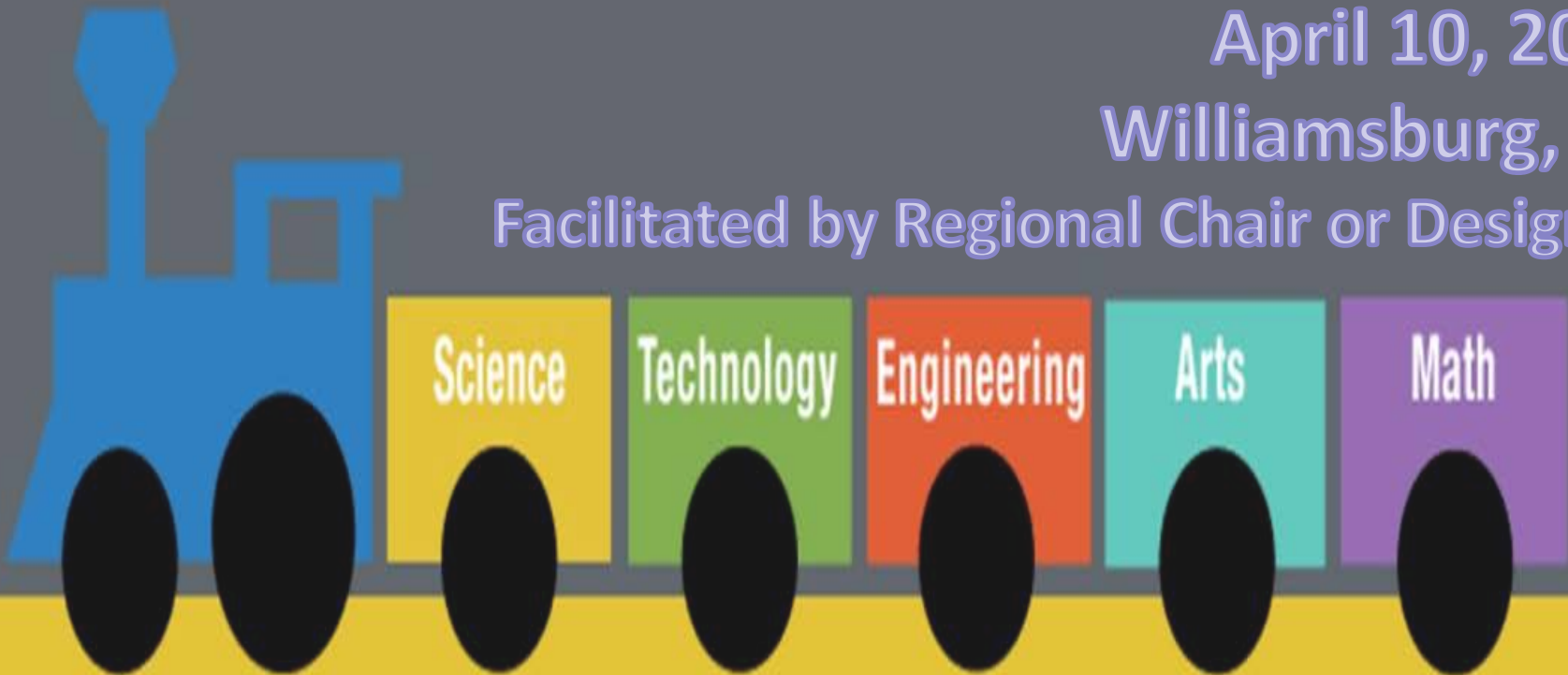
Head Start: Full STEAM Ahead!

VAHSA Regional Meeting

April 10, 2018

Williamsburg, VA

Facilitated by Regional Chair or Designee



VIRGINIA HEAD START ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Virginia Head Start Association dedicates itself to training and advocacy which enhances and fosters growth of individual members, member agencies, partners and others who impact the lives of children and families.

A culturally diverse organization that speaks with a unified voice for the betterment of Head Start children and families in Virginia.

Quality leadership, trained advocacy, professional development, and effective communication.

Quality education that provides an equal start for all children.

Services to families that empower them to engage in long term self-sustaining practices that create better homes and better communities for the future. These include health and nutrition, goal-setting, family asset building, and ecological practices that promote a sustainable environment.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 31

TWO YEAR TERM

President – not considered a representative from a specific VA region

Treasurer– not considered a representative from a specific VA region

One person from each region of the state to equal:

- 4 Parents
- 4 Directors
- 4 Staff
- 4 Community Representatives
- 1 State Health Advisory Committee Chairperson

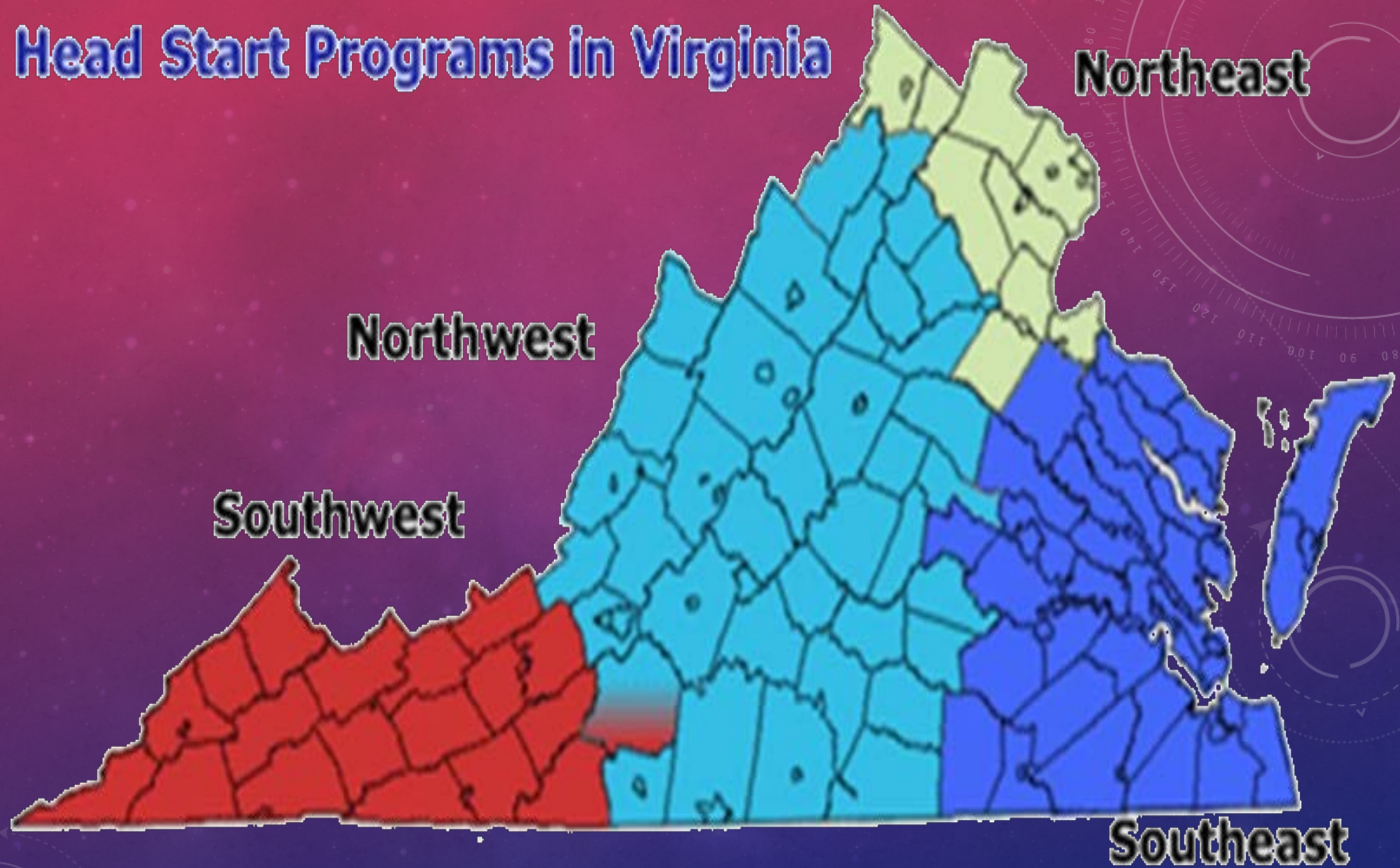
Non-Voting Members:

Collaboration Office Director, TTA Rep, and Past President

Board of Directors, Officers & Advisory

President:	Shikee Franklin	Hampton Roads CAP
Vice-President:	Nichole Cooper	Orange County
Treasurer:	Bonnie Harsley	Affiliated with Higher Horizons
Secretary:	Donna Buckland	People, Inc.
Health Advisory Committee:	Julie Greene	Hampton Roads CAP
TTA:	Tammy Petrowicz	ICF International
Collaboration Office:	Aleta Lawson	State Collaboration Director

Head Start Programs in Virginia



Southeast Representatives

Director Rep

Joyce Jones

Hopewell County Head Start

Staff Rep

Ramona Fisher

Eastern Shore AAA/CAA

Parent Rep

Krystal Walls

Hopewell County Head Start

Community Rep

Alison Noble

Smart Beginnings SE



Southwest Representatives

Director Rep

Donna Buckland

People Inc.

Staff Rep

Kim Hill

People Inc.

Parent Rep

Kacey Daulton

Rooftop of Virginia

Community Rep

Robin Grossman

United Way of SW Virginia



Northwest Representatives

Director Rep

Angela Barnes

Pittsylvania County CAA

Staff Rep

Nichole Cooper

Orange County Head Start

Parent Rep

Pam Borders

Total Action for Progress (TAP)

Community Rep

Jackie Wake

DentaQuest



Northeast Representatives

Director Rep

Rashanda Jenkins

The Campagna Center

Staff Rep

Jennifer Tonkin

Prince William County HS

Parent Rep

vacant

Community Rep

*Anne Taggart, retired HS Director from
Greater Mt. Vernon*



VAHSA Membership

The Board of Directors
thanks you for 100%
membership from all
EHS/HS Virginia
programs again this year!

We proudly announce
that all programs have
paid dues at \$5 per child
for over 10 years.

Thank you for your
support!



Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Staff

The Association has two full-time staff persons to guide our work. Prior to 2006, the work of the Association was done entirely by already overworked directors, staff, and parents from local programs.

- Dawn Ault
- Executive Director

- Julia Beglane
- Executive Assistant

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Advocacy

The Association has been active in leading groups to Congressional offices to tell the Head Start story.

We have developed resources, available on our website, for programs to use in advocacy efforts.

We participate in policy agenda efforts of VOICES for Virginia's Children and National Head Start Association.

We provide current information to programs on budget appropriations, use of CLASS Scores for DRS, EHS/Child Care Partnerships, and other issues facing Head Start's future.

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Professional Development

The Association provides all support services for training conferences, including registration, publicity, and venue selection.

We host 4 conferences annually to appeal to all Head Start service areas

Registration fees are kept at a modest level compared to other training organizations. Our conferences are held at favorable locations with per diem hotel rates.

Upcoming VAHSA Training Conferences

- June 19 - 21, 2018 Director's Council, Virginia Beach
- July 24 – 25, 2018 Infant Toddler Institute, Roanoke
- December 5-7, 2018 Health & Family Institute, Richmond
- April 2-4, 2019 Annual Conference - Abingdon

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Regional Support

Each region meets for networking and training on a schedule decided by the region. This allows for more attainable training opportunities for everyone by eliminating travel logistics and associated costs with far-away travel.

The Association works with regional leadership to provide monetary support for regional meetings.

The Annual Training Conference rotates to a different region each year to bring fairness to all in terms of travel arrangements.

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Online Support

Our informative website includes news and events, resources, a calendar of events, and ability to register for conferences or submit scholarship applications online.

www.headstartva.org

Don't forget to "Like us" on Facebook!

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Corporate Partners

We recruit Corporate Partners and Exhibitors each year who support the mission and work of our Association, through services provided and/or monetary resources.

A listing of our partners is proudly displayed on our website.

Be sure to visit the Exhibitor's tables in the Promenade.

Benefits of VAHSA Membership

Scholarships

Elmore Scholarships: Two \$500 scholarships, one to a current parent and another to a current staff person, are provided annually to assist persons pursuing higher education.

McKinney Scholarships: Up to eight people are awarded scholarships to cover conference registration fees to promote emerging leadership skills within the Head Start community.

New this year! Head Start High School Senior Alumnae Scholarship: Open to high school seniors who were former Virginia Head Start students. He or she must plan to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited two or four-year College or technical school. This scholarship is sponsored by the Virginia Head Start Association.

The Collaboration Office, under the direction of Aleta Lawson, also sponsors scholarships to help programs with conference registration fees.

Thank you

The Virginia Head Start Association is here to help you!

Thank you for your strong commitment to
Virginia's children and families.

Together, we make a difference!