Head Start: Full STEAM Ahead!

VAHSA Regional Meeting
April 10, 2018
Williamsburg, VA
Facilitated by Regional Chair or Designee

Science  Technology  Engineering  Arts  Math
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
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Head Start Programs in Virginia

Northeast

Northwest

Southwest

Southeast
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
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
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!
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
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
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.
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!