

**Pennsylvania Head Start Association  
Board of Directors  
2017 Election Ballot**

**Parents, Staff and Administrators**



**Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Candidates** ( please vote for 2)

*(Please print names of candidates you are voting for on lines below)*

Parent Representative #1 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Representative #2 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Candidates** ( please vote for 3)

*(Please print names of candidates you are voting for on lines below)*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrators Candidates** ( please vote for 2)

*(Please print names of candidates you are voting for on lines below)*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**The signers confirm the validity of this ballot representing the voting interests of the program as defined in the PHSA bylaws (see next page).**

**Program Director Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Council President Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**No Later Than:** April 4, 2017

# Election of PHSA Board of Directors

## PHSA Bylaws

**ARTICLE VII.** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**SECTION 1:** COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD  
**B:** Elections

- 1) **Parents:** Parent representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the parent representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Parent Representatives (each program must designate two parent representatives).
- 2) **Staff:** Staff representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the staff representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Staff representatives (each program must designate one staff representative).
- 3) **Administrators:** Administrator representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the Administrator representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Administrator representatives (each program must designate one Administrator representative).
- 4) **Friends:** For the purpose of electing representatives from the Friends group to the PHSA Board, Friends shall have voting privileges.

# Administrator Candidates

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**Program:** Community Action Southwest

## Why I want to become a PHSA Board Member:

I have had the opportunity to serve on the PHSA Board for the past 1.5 years in the administrator role. As the director of a HS & EHS program in Washington & Greene Counties, I fully understand both the successes and challenges that programs experience. I am interested in continuing to serve on the PHSA board to be an active member of the leadership team that acts as the voice for children, families, staff, and programs from across the state. The PHSA board is a dynamic group that is innovative and always at the cutting edge. I enjoy being a part of that high energy and value how this positively impacts our Head Start and Early Head Start programs. PHSA has built strong working relationships within the early childhood community and provides resources and trainings to support the delivery of comprehensive services. Through the efforts of the PHSA staff and board, we also have a voice on the national level. This advocacy and support is critical to continuing the Head Start mission. Lastly, as one of the first Head Start graduates in the state, I have experienced firsthand the difference Head Start can make in the lives of children and families. I am committed to doing all that I can to make sure that the program continues in making that difference in all communities in Pennsylvania.

**Name:** Wendy King  
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**Program:** Community Action Partnership of Mercer Counties

## Why I want to become a PHSA Board Member:

I would like to express my wishes to remain a member of the PHSA Board in the category of Administrator due to my recent promotion this past July as the new Director of the Mercer County Head Start/Early Head Start/Pre-K Counts program. Over the past three years I have served on the Board in the Staff category due to my previous job title of Program Operations Director. I have worked for the Head Start program in some capacity for over 20 years. In addition to my years of service I bring background and experience related to: content area knowledge, data entry & collection, planning, teaching/home visiting, board and committee involvement, grant writing but most of all a love for young children.

Mercer County Head Start/Early Head Start/Pre-K Counts operates four programs that are either state or federally funded. The programs serve 550 children and families birth-five years of age. I feel that my

experience and background in my own program gives me the foundation to help make decisions at the board level for the benefit of all programs across the state of Pennsylvania.

I hope you will consider me for another term on the PHSA Board.

## **Administrator Candidates Continued**

**Name:** Kelly Showers  
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**Program:** Juniata County Head Start

### **Why I want to become a PHSA Board Member:**

Hi! I'm Kelly Showers and I've had the privilege in serving as the Director for the Head Start program in Juniata County, PA for the past 14 years. My most recent accomplishments also include the oversight and additional responsibility for the Early Head Start and Pre-K Counts programs as of September, 2013. In total we serve 207 families and children in the rural areas of Pennsylvania.

While our program is small in the numbers of families served, we still experience similar challenges that larger programs encounter. The resources are more limited or non-existent in Juniata County so we seek ways to find additional funding or new community providers to partner with in order to address the needs of families. In Juniata county we provide services in a variety of models from part-day, part-year to full-day, full-year and from center-based to home-based.

I have served on the PHSA Board since 2015 and currently serve as treasurer. I've been impressed by the work accomplished through many who serve on the board. These are unique times in early childhood and often require the entire membership to develop creative solutions to address the challenges faced by Head Start programs. Additionally, I believe my experiences in working for Head Start as a Director and as a Health/Mental Health manager has afforded me the opportunities to learn skills that has strengthened our program to grow and better serve the children and families we were meant to serve. I believe I can bring insight and serve as an asset on the PHSA Board. I believe in advocating for the work that we do as a key player in a world that continues to change the scope of what "quality" early childhood looks like.

## Staff Candidates

**Name:** Darlene McIntosh  
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**Program:** Pittsburgh Public Schools, Early Childhood Program

### **Why I want to become a PHSA Board Member:**

As Special Projects Coordinator for the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Early Childhood Program, I am always willing to assume leadership roles that are within and outside the periphery of my normal job responsibilities. I have an important voice and unique perspective to lend to the discussion of ensuring Pennsylvania families continue to have full access to affordable, high quality early learning programs and services for their young children.

I have been successful in helping the Program build consensus and a true sense of shared governance between staff and parents. Over the years, my efforts have resulted in stronger relations between Policy Council, the Governing Body, and program leadership.

The almost 15 years of experience I have working for a Head Start/Early Head Start program in the largest public school system in Pittsburgh, combined with four years of experience working as a Fiscal/ERSEA peer consultant reviewer for Danya International for the Office of Head Start (OHS), and the two years of experience as a Program of Excellence Quality Initiative (QI) reviewer for the National Head Start Association (NHSA), has given me a much broader perspective about the complexities of Head Start and has deepened my understanding about the unique strengths and challenges facing Head Start/Early Head Start programs across the country. I believe that I have acquired the type of skills sets, knowledge, and abilities that will be of great value serving in the Staff role group on the Pennsylvania Head Start Association (PHSA) Board of Directors.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

## Parent Candidates

**Name:** Carrie Spencer  
**Position:** Parent Representative  
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**Program:** Bradford Tioga Head Start

I would like to represent Bradford Tioga Head Start as a PHSA Board Member because I believe in their mission and would like to continue to see them succeed. I am very involved in all my children's schooling. It is very important to know what is going on and be as involved as possible. I will put Bradford Tioga Head Start first and make sure their needs are met.

**Name:** Amanda Tringes  
**Position:** Parent Representative  
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**Program:** Private Industry Council

I, Amanda Tringes, would like to be considered to be on the PHSA Board. My 9 month old daughter is currently enrolled in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership. I really like the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership because my daughter is getting the best quality care and it is affordable for me while I work at T.J. Maxx. In addition, the child care partnership program has helped me and my son with different services in the area that we can use to better ourselves. If I am considered for this position I will take on the PHSA Board responsibilities. I commit to following the organization's mission statement, policies, and programs. I am willing to keep an updated email, read material and be prepared to participate in all meetings. I am also ready to give input in regards to different topics to better support PHSA. I am willing to give my time and what is needed of me to make Head Start a better place to have the children be successful in their education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Friend Candidates

**Name:** Amber Fields  
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**Program:** United Way of the Capital Region

Hello. My Name is Amber Fields. I am a former employee of Capital Area Head Start. Currently, I am working for the United Way as the Community Impact Manager of Education. I would like to be voted in to the board as a friend. The reason I would like to stay on the PHSA Board is because I believe in Head Start and what it stands for. I want to continue to have a voice in the program and give a voice to other friends and families in our community. I feel being a board member will help me to continue to reach families, and educate legislators on the value of quality early education.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request for nomination with the PHSA board as a friend on the public voices committee.

**Name:** Michael Shipman  
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**Program:** Pennsylvania College of Technology

I want to become a PHSA Board member because as an educator, I believe education is the most important and primary first step in ensuring the success of future generations. PHSA is very valuable in this regard, because while many children have no problem obtaining access to the education and services they need, there are still countless others who will go without the support and education they need in their early lives if organizations like PHSA are not involved. I want to become a board member because I believe my skills and strengths can further PHSA in accomplishing the important mission of educating young children and setting them up for success as they progress through the rest of their lives.

The strengths that I can bring to the board come from my background as a financial expert. As a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and now as an educator in accounting / business administration for the Pennsylvania College of Technology, I am well versed in financial concepts. It is my understanding that the Board is in need of an individual with such a background to advise them on proper budget allocation, financial statement management, and financial reporting / tax compliance. After working for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP for three years as a Corporate Tax Associate, and now in my second year as a lecturer for Penn College, I believe I am more than qualified to assist the Board in this regard and look forward to the chance to serve and represent PHSA.

## Friend Candidates Continued

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I would be honored to continue to serve on the Pennsylvania Head Start Association Board to contribute to the organization's vision to create one powerful voice representing all children and families. PA Head Start programs continue to provide high quality services to children and their families and as such, these programs serve as models of quality early childhood educational settings. I have been fortunate to have been involved with the Head Start community as a provider of professional development and technical assistance for over ten years. Working alongside of PA Head Start teachers, administrators and family members, I have seen firsthand the dedication they have to the children. I value the work all PA Head Start staff does on behalf of all families. Knowing that education and specialized professional development opportunities are critical to achieving high quality early learning experiences for children, I would like to continue working with PHSA by using my knowledge of professional development systems to help PHSA continue to be a responsive organization leading the charge for training, information sharing, advocacy and comprehensive services.