

Membership Benefits of the Pennsylvania Head Start Association 2019

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association's activities are driven by our mission to maximize the cumulative talents of Early Head Start/Head Start parents, staff, administrators and friends to collectively improve the future for economically challenged children, families and communities. This is accomplished by providing quality leadership, training, information and advocacy at the local, state, regional and national levels.

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association is a membership association, created to serve its members. The dollars you pay in PHSA dues helps the Association provide the following benefits and activities which, in turn, benefit your agency.

- Representation on the NHSA Monitoring Reform Task Force
- Representation on the NHSA Board by PHSA staff
- Representation on the NHSA Data Huddle work group
- Lobbying and advocacy nationally and in Pennsylvania
- PHSA provides leadership in the Executive Directors Consortium of State/Regional Head Start Associations (30 other states)
- Representation on the R3HSA Board by PHSA board and staff
- Strong, consistent and regular representation at the state policy level, in areas of early childhood service delivery
- Direct influence and partnership with with the Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Representation on State Professional Development committees
- Representation on Keystone Stars Advisory Committee
- Representation on the OCDEL Pre K Advisory Committee
- Representation on the OCDEL Infant and Toddler Advisory group
- Representation on the OCDEL Home Visiting work group
- Representation on the HSSCO Homelessness Task Force
- Regular access to up-to-date Head Start Bureau, Regional Office and state level policy information
- Representation on the Governor's Early Learning Council

- Annual PHSA Conference and Early Childhood Summit
- Winter Administrators Meeting
- December Leadership Meeting
- Specialized trainings
- Reduced registration fees at PHSA conferences and trainings
- Regular contact with OHS, NHSA, OCDEL and the HSSCO at conferences and meetings
- An ongoing partnership with the Regional Office, which includes their participation at PHSA conferences and PHSA partnering with the Office to provide quality training.
- An ongoing, strong partnership with the Early Childhood Advocates community.
- An ongoing, positive relationship with the Pennsylvania Child Care Association.
- Opportunities to serve as a member of the PHSA Board of Directors
- Quality information and state wide Head Start presence maintained by PHSA web site and through the PHSA monthly update
- Membership in the Early Learning for PA Campaign (ELPA)
- Principle in the Pre K for PA Campaign
- Participation and leadership of the PA TAP, Pennsylvania's integrated, collaborative Head Start training network including PHSA, OHS, ICF, HSSCO, the PA Key and OCDEL
- Oral health leadership, including Cavity Free Kids, Healthy Smiles public policy task force development and advocacy
- Farm to Early Learning: promotion and development through Ready Set Grow!
- Latino Healthy Eating Initiative Partnership with Aetna Better Health
- Membership and leadership in the Childhood Begins at Home, home visiting campaign
- Membership and leadership in the Start Strong child care campaign