

## December Update Call

1. Welcome, Share your name and program
2. Wishing well several programs who have recently had or will have Monitoring visits.
  - a. Invite these programs to share their experiences.

Tammy from Westmoreland. Monitoring visits were conducted the week after Thanksgiving. The team of four came in on Monday and stayed through Friday. One of the team members, Bonnie Becker left a pleasant impression. Tammy felt she was a phenomenal leader. Bonnie sat with health coordinator to go over any documentation she had questions about. Within a week the review was up in OHS. There are no area of concerns. The full review is listed, though hasn't been signed off.
3. Federal
  - a. COLA announcement. Have programs received more direction or information? no additional information was given.
  - b. Preschool Development Grants to be awarded/announced this month
    - i. Two sources indicate all states will be funded, although this is not been confirmed, nor announced
  - c. Government Shut down-update- nothing new from our sources.
  - d. NHTSA Annual Conference: Is your program attending? PHSA can support you in your visit to legislator in Washington. Please contact Blair and Kara.
  - e. NHTSA has Head Start Language Playbook available to their members in digital format. It is promoted as a resource to assist "you in building a greater understanding of what we do in Head Start and why it matters" in advocacy conversations and efforts.
    - i. PHSA has hard copy of Playbook if there is an interest.
  - f. NHTSA sent out Policy Agenda survey. Programs encouraged to respond.
4. State
  - a. HSCCO Annual Report due out in the new year
  - b. Admin Meeting Update
    - i. PennAEYC-Jodi shared advocacy work
    - ii. Administrator Training on Generations in the work place with Rose Snyder
    - iii. Networking discussions to support Head Start leaders
    - iv. Register for February Admin Mtg
  - c. Local legislature visits in preparation for budget season. What are the visits your program has scheduled or is looking to schedule?
    - i. Do you have a planned activity you would like to share?
  - d. Campaigns:
    - i. Childhood Begins at Home; requesting videos for parent to describe how home visiting has made a difference for them. Contact Michelle.
    - ii. Start Strong-promoting quality care for infants/toddlers
      1. Press conference and launch 29 January in East Wing Rotunda
      2. Campaign seeks current picture of legislator with a child in his/her life, under the age of 3. Send to Larissa.

3. Campaign seeks programs to sign up for the campaign; website live in January
      4. PHSA will have link on our website once their website is live.
5. PHSA Training Opportunities
  - a. Data Huddle-2<sup>nd</sup> week of January
    - i. Registrations confirmed by end of this week with programs.
  - b. Save the Date for February Administrator Meeting-3<sup>rd</sup> week
  - c. Save the Date for PHSA Conference-April 2<sup>nd</sup> week
    - i. Theme: The 3 R's of HS: Relationship, Respect and Readiness
  - d. Accepting Conference Proposals NOW-Kayle
6. PHSA Opportunities
  - a. Head Start video
    - i. Filming complete
    - ii. Screening at Admin Mtg and feedback shared with video company for revisions
    - iii. Programs can purchase video with its specific contact information inserted
    - iv. Information going out to programs early in the new year
    - v. Resource to promote HS with community and legislators
  - b. Healthy Latino Cookbook project
    - i. This cookbook project is sponsored by [Aetna](#) Better Health of Pennsylvania.
    - ii. "My Family's Plate" cookbooks are free to programs
    - iii. Spanish edition available in the new year
    - iv. Programs encouraged to host cooking events with a local chef to promote healthy eating with Latino influence
  - c. Ready, Set, Grow
    - i. [www.pareadyssetgrow.org](http://www.pareadyssetgrow.org)
    - ii. Partner initiative of The Food Trust and PHSA
    - iii. Aims to increase Farm to Early Learning activities on a statewide level in the early care and education area
    - iv. Goals include: path to good health for children, supports local agriculture economy and helps build community
    - v. See website for view of My Family's Plate healthy Latino cookbook
  - d. Call for Oral Health Parent Ambassadors- Contact Amy
  - e. Call for Program Liaison Project- Contact Michelle (Great opportunity to highlight successes with legislators.)
  - f. Legislator visits, locally and federally. We are here to support you and your program. Please contact us.
7. Programs Share
  - a. Events
  - b. Successes
  - c. Other
8. Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, Happy Solstice...after Friday the days get longer!