19 February PHSA 2020 Update Call

Welcome and Introductions

Federal
1. Federal budget approved

   The bill provides a $550 million increase in funding, with a significant portion specifically for investing in the trauma-informed approaches we have been advocating for over the last several years.

   The appropriations bill, which passed the Senate this morning following passage in the House of Representatives earlier this week, includes more than $10.6 billion in funding for Head Start in FY20.

   Here are some of the specifics we’re celebrating:

   • $250 million for Quality Improvement Funding, including increasing mental health services and counseling to families and the Head Start workforce; providing staff training on trauma-informed approaches to service delivery; and adding staff to Head Start classrooms.
   • An increase of $100 million ($905 million total) for the expansion of Early Head Start and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships, adding additional slots for eligible infants and toddlers.
   • $4 million for re-establishing the Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program to increase the pool of Native American educators who meet the national standards for qualified Head Start teachers.
   • $193 million for a cost-of-living adjustment, (just under 2%)

NHSA
1. Winter Leadership Institute/Hill Visits
   a. Met with Casey and Toomey aide
   b. Met with x Congresspeople

Trump Administration Budget FY 21 Head Start flat funded.

State
1. PDG grant
   a. Early Learning Council update from February meeting will be shared at Administrator’s meeting in March

2. Governor’s budget:
   a. PreKCounts: 242,284,000 12% increase
   b. HSSAP: 69,178,000 8% increase
   c. HV, NFP: 13,178,000 0%; Family Ctrs: 19,558,000 5% increase

3. PreK4PA response:
   a. Support a $47 million increase ($38 million in Pre-K Counts and $9 million in the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program) to provide rate adjustments and expand access to high-quality, publicly funded pre-k to an 3,270 additional children in FY 2020-21.
b.  In Pre-K Counts this would provide for the Governor’s proposed $25 million for an expansion of slots and also include $13 million to move from $8,750 to $9,200 per slot for a total of 28,133 children being served ($38 million total).

c. In the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program this would provide for the Governor’s proposed $5 million for an expansion of slots and also include $4 million to move from an estimated $10,500 to $11,040 per slot for a total of 6,998 children being served ($9 million total)

4. CBAH and Start Strong will finalize response statements in the near future

PHSA
1. Admins Meeting: 2-3 March  Issue and topics please contact us
2. Annual Conference: 29-30 April
3. Pre-Con: 28th
   a. Data session with Ashley LiBetti
   b. Mental Health First Aid, Certified
4. HV Conference with Center of Excellence: 27-28 April
5. Membership Dues - contact lists
6. Liaison Calls Starting again
7. Census work and the voter registration
   a. Census data collection is critical to funding and elected officials
   b. Primaries and fall: Engage parents and staff to be registered and active, informed citizens.
   c. Check out the many Census resources in the PHSA Newsletter.
   d. One program noted a staff member is part of the Census Committee in the community. High School students created a PSA along with flyers, shirts and the We Count! Census book are some of the tools used to promote completing the census.
8. Wage and benefits survey will be done in 2020
9. Public Policy and Vision Paper
10. Ready4K Grant opportunities for digital family curriculum: https://mailchi.mp/parentpowered/grant
    a. Ready4K is the fun, easy-to-implement early learning program that helps your families accelerate child learning by 2+ months.
    b. Based on leading research in early learning family engagement, the Ready4K curriculum and text-based delivery system is designed to serve every child in a way that works for every family.
    c. Equity is a cornerstone value of Ready4K. That’s why we’re thrilled to offer qualifying organizations a Startup Grant - to ensure our high quality family curriculum is available in every community.
d. Head Start programs automatically qualify for up to 3 years of grant funding

Campaigns
1. Are programs interested in facilitating a caravan to Harrisburg with enrolled families and staff to discuss the value of Head Start in their community with legislators? Contact Kara for session weeks in the Capital.
2. Doing district visits with families and staff or hosting legislators on-site? Please send event dates, photos and any local media to PHSA/Kara.
3. PHSA is scheduling a visibility event at the capital in June to release the State Report.
4. Act upon the PreK4PA response to Governor’s proposed budget
   a. Invite legislators to programs for district visits with families
   b. Letter to the Editor
   c. Letters to district office
   d. FB posting
   e. Caravan to capital

Q & A
1. When will Early Intel Data session take place?
   a. Dates are yet to be established, but expect it to be in July.
2. When will FY2020 Quality Funding applications be released?
   a. Not certain. Reminder: OHS is hosting a webinar, FY2020 Quality Funding for Head Start Programs and Supporting Children and Families Impacted by Trauma Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, 1–2:30 p.m. ET
      Register:
      [https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1282516&key=042a7c35](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1282516&key=042a7c35)

Next Call: Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at 1:00p