PHSA Membership Benefits 2020

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, by providing quality leadership, training, information and advocacy at the local, state, regional and national levels.

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association (PHSA) creates **ONE CLEAR, POWERFUL VOICE** for children and families who are economically challenged. We embrace diversity and unify the early childhood community by being a responsive, thriving organization, leading the charge for training, information sharing, advocacy and comprehensive services..

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 Board Representatives
- 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 the OCDEL Pre K Advisory Committee
- Representation on the OCDEL Infant Home Visiting 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 Fall Early Childhood Summit
• Winter, Summer, Falls PHSA Administrators meeting
• Specialized trainings
• Reduced registration fees at all 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 emails and calls.
• Membership in the Early Learning for PA Campaign (ELPA)
• PHSA is a Principle in the Pre K for PA Campaign
• PHSA is a Principle in the Childhood Begins at Home Campaign
• PHSA is a Principle in the Start Strong Child Care 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 through the, Healthy Smiles public policy task force.
• Farm to Early Learning: promotion and development through Ready Set Grow!
• High quality, affordable wage and benefits survey