

Oregon Head Start Collaboration Office

HSCO Role and Responsibilities

- Support planning, policy development, and alignment of early childhood systems
- Bring Head Start perspective to partnerships and meetings
- Convene partners and increase collaboration
- Collaboratively plan professional development opportunities
- Share data with state legislators, policymakers, and other interested parties
- Share Head Start related news with partners
- Share information between regional offices and state and local early childhood systems
- Inform the Oregon Head Start Association about state changes and upcoming events
- Build relationships with federal, state, and local system staff and early childhood education providers
- Facilitate partnerships to help Head Start agencies secure needed services for families

Office of Head Start National HSCO Priorities

- Partner with state childcare systems including EHS-CCP Partnership initiatives
- Work with state efforts to collect data on early childhood programs and child outcomes
- Support expansion and access to high quality workforce and career development opportunities for staff
- Collaborate with state quality improvement systems such as QRIS
- Work with school systems to ensure continuity between Head Start and recipient schools

HSCO 5-Year Grant Priorities

- All eligible children have increased access to high quality Head Start and Early Head Start models that meet their needs.
- The state early care education system will be aligned with and support publicly funded birth-through-5 program models, including Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Oregon will have a highly qualified, diverse, equitably compensated, and stable early care and education work force.
- Head Start is a recognized leader in family and child development promoting high-quality care and education.
- Head Start is involved in the development of state policies, plans, processes, and decisions affecting Head Start and Early Head Start.

Questions?

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