Arizona Head Start's father engagement

The Head Start Advantage for Communities

The promise of Head Start: Giving every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, the head start they need to realize their potential. Working together, we can close the gaps and overcome the barriers to fulfilling the "Head Start Advantage" a reality, from Head Start's inception.

Partnerships are expanding access to services

Relationships with statewide stakeholders and through the Childhood Workforce Registry. Promising Teaching Strategies Gold®, the CLASS assessment tool, and adoption of Maring’s Preventing Early School …

Along with significant achievements, AHSA also finalized the Arizona Head Start/EHS standards in 2016, offering a vision of the work to be done to fully meet the Head Start Program Performance Standards. AHSA’s mission of advocating for quality early childhood services for all Arizona’s children and families, for all children and families, for all children. They invested more time and effort into their children’s education.

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The statistics are somewhat surprising. More than 35 percent of Arizona’s children are considered poor. Six out of ten Arizona families are at risk and three out of ten are classified as high-risk. In Arizona, a child, or high-risk child, living in poverty is an at-risk child. communities of color and children facing serious socioeconomic disadvantages are more likely to be on time for school and have better social skills, impulse control, and in general, have higher levels of more positive behaviors.

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My daughter is beautiful, smart, sweet and funny, but she has a difficult time communicating. As a parent, you ask your child to be accountable for their actions and society. We try to model for our child the behavior we expect and for the power they will have if you put your best self to a normal task. My daughter has a disability. She needs some of these things included in her life, but that's not easy. The only time she has been at Early Start for two months and she is already showing improvement in her communication, simple, and personal skills. I can see the difference in her and how she is learning to communicate. We can help her through Early Start. For the Early Start programs and support they have given my daughter.

Early Start provides early intervention services to children with or at risk for developmental delay. Early Head Start programs assist with Arizona’s Child Developmental Screening in programs. The Power of Inclusion

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) is a federal childcare program that provides comprehensive educational, health services, and social services to low-income children from birth to five years of age. The Power of Inclusion

Early Head Start for a few months and professional development

AHS providers must meet the comprehensive needs of children and their families, including health, social services, and training for Head Start professionals. Early intervention for young children is needed. The Power of Inclusion

Driving Quality Improvement

AHSA works closely with the Arizona Education Department, Early Childhood Education, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program (EHS-CCP) to ensure that Head Start programs meet the needs of young children and their families. AHSA also helps teachers become more informed about the needs of young children and how to address those needs.

AHSA Leadership and Statewide Initiatives

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