



Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO) & ADE

August 2023 Updates

AZ Department of Education Updates



❖ Change in leadership at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE)

- ❖ Director of Early Childhood position currently vacant.
- ❖ HSCO Director and Director of Early Childhood are now 2 separate positions
 - New HSCO Director – Alexis Horne

❖ Early Childhood Team Expansion

- ❖ 3 new staff/roles
 - Early Childhood Inclusion Specialist – Priscilla Sachs
 - Early Childhood Workforce Specialist – Wendy Flynn
 - Early Childhood Program Specialist – Deanna Jergenson

❖ Subcommittee Participation

- ❖ Early Childhood Development – Wendy Logue
- ❖ Integrated Health & Safety – Chelsea Rousseau
- ❖ Parent Family and Community Engagement – Patsy Rethore-Larson
- ❖ Disabilities and Mental Health – Priscilla Sachs



Professional Learning

ADE Professional Learning




- ❑ Live Webinars for September
 - 9/6 ECQUIP Informational Webinar
 - 9/19 Early Childhood LETRS Informational Webinar
- ❑ Live Trainings Aug – Oct posted
 - ✓ 8 Live Trainings open for registration
 - Building your Bounce – Resilience
 - Data Tells a Story
 - Unpacking AZELS
 - Literacy Knowledge
 - Oral Language
 - ✓ Registration required
 - ✓ Literacy training each month

<https://www.azed.gov/ece/professional-learning>




Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)



**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**

"The more children know about language and literacy before they begin formal schooling, the better equipped they are to succeed in reading."

(Snow, Burns, and Griffin, 1998)




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ADE is offering Language Essentials
for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
Professional Development in the
Science of Reading

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Informational
Webinar
September 19th
at 3:00



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Make Way for Books



Established in 1998, Make Way for Books, early literacy nonprofit, impacts nearly 30,000 young children, families, and educators throughout Arizona each year.

The Make Way For Books coaching and professional development program is a five-module program with an in-depth web-based support portal to accompany professional development and coaching engagements (also available in Spanish).

Data Report for WAVE 1
October 2022-July 2023
(Southern and Eastern Arizona)

of educators that participated: 67

of books for classrooms/libraries delivered: 733

of books for children to keep: 46

of educators attended workshops: 77

WAVE 2: Begins August 2023-March 2024 Northern and Western Arizona

WAVE 3: March 2024-October 2024 Central Arizona

Video: [Informational Video](#)

- HighScope provides social-emotional and language literacy professional development and training.
- Training in Conflict Resolution with Young Children & Let's Read it Again!
- Interactive Read-Alouds tool-kits for the classroom.
- The toolkits incorporate building comprehension, vocabulary, speaking, two-way communication, and recalling.
- These courses will be offered in the AZ registry, more information will follow shortly.
- Video: [Informational Webinar](#)



The training includes handouts and the following:

- 20 high-quality children's books – including a selection of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry
- 20 booklets for teachers featuring multiple lesson plans each with a specific literacy focus for repeated readings of each book
- Vocabulary words from the text with child-friendly definitions
- Conversation tips to engage children in the readings and build their comprehension skills, and
- A teachers guide to support classroom practice

Leading with Equity



❑ Region IX Community of Practice

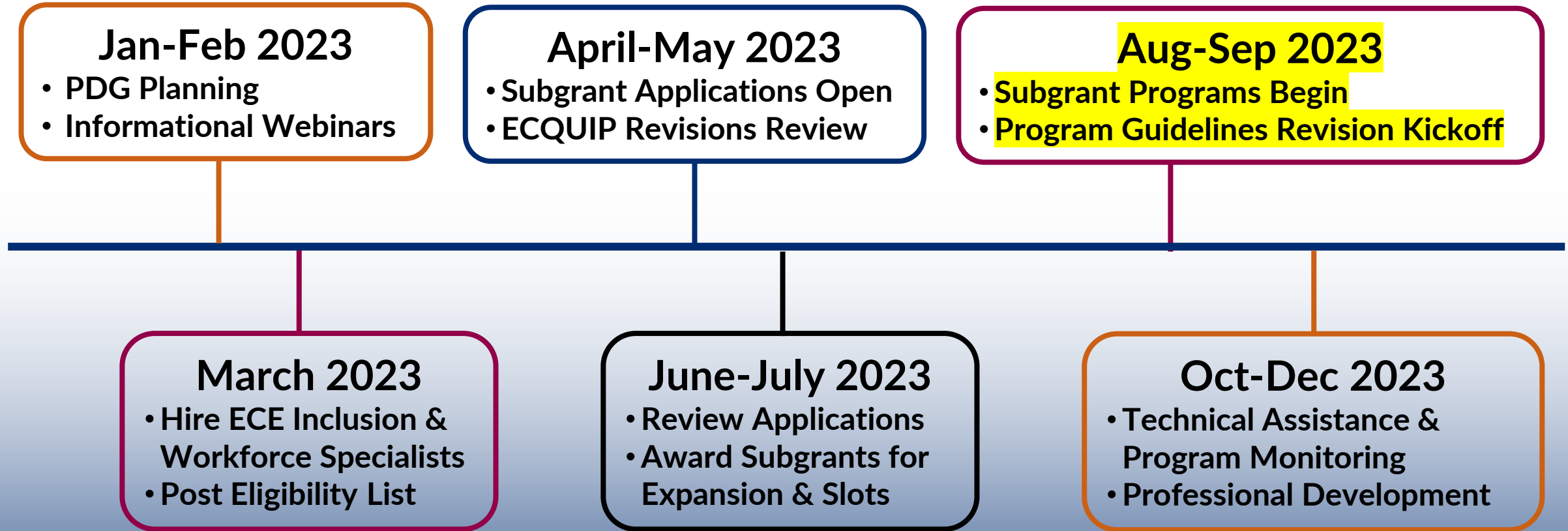
- *How can we advance equity in our roles?*
- New Resource from Office of Head Start National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE)
- Application closes Sept 1
- 2 options of focus:
 - Pyramid Model
 - Equity

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Equity Considerations for Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance



PDG B5 Implementation Timeline (Year 1)



Pyramid Model



Arizona Statewide Implementation

- ❑ AZ now 38th state for statewide implementation
- ❑ Several Region 9 Head Starts & Tribal programs implementing Pyramid Model practices
- ❑ State Leadership Team (SLT) established
- ❑ Selecting implementation sites
- ❑ Coaching & training available

<https://challengingbehavior.org/>



Meet the Early Childhood Team



- **Vacant**, Early Childhood Director
- **Alexis Horne**, Early Childhood Specialist Lead (Western) / HSCO Director
- **Lourdes Johnson**, Grants Manager (Southern)
- **Patsy Rethore-Larson**, ECE Program Specialist (Central)
- **Chelsea Rousseau**, ECE Program Specialist (Northern)
- **DeAnna Jergenson**, ECE Program Specialist (Eastern)
- **Caris Hall**, Data & Finance Specialist
- **Wendy Flynn**, ECE Workforce Specialist
- **Wendy Logue**, Early Literacy Specialist
- **Rhonda Finding**, Early Literacy Specialist
- **Laura Lee**, CLSD Grant Program Manager
- **Priscilla Sachs**, ECE Inclusion Specialist

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Thank You

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