



Arizona Head Start Association

COMMITTEE UPDATES

INTEGRATED HEALTH & SAFETY Committee

About us

Striving to promote health and school readiness; health literacy and advocacy for parents; sharing of knowledge and information and networking, to best meet the needs of enrolled families.



2023 Committee Goals:

- Identify Strengths and Weaknesses
- Expand committee members
- Communication to become unified across the state HS programs



What are we working on:

- Strategic Plan 21-16 (Year 2) Action Plan
- WIC MOU Renewal
- Strengthening Relations with community liaisons (ADHS & AHCCCS)
- Increase clarification of Performance Standard requirements



Next steps for our committee:

- Analyze data from Health Survey
- Follow Up on Weaknesses identified
- Find Vision and Feeding Therapist providers
- Continue communication on Hearing Screening requirements with ADHS for ECE

Committee Leaders

Chair: Marcela Zepeda

Vice Chair: Marcia Archer, RD

Upcoming Meetings

AZ HSA - Integrated Health and
Safety Committee Meeting
June 6th, 2023
@2:30pm

Contact

Want to join state level committee work?

 -Email: ihs@azheadstart.org



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DISABILITIES & MENTAL HEALTH Committee

About us

Our committee unifies specialists across the state to promote awareness of Head Start for all children, including those with identified delays, disabilities, and social-emotional needs. We promote effective and appropriate inclusionary practices to improve services and outcomes for all children.



2023 Committee Goals:

- Increase awareness of services provided state-wide
- Increase recruitment/meet 10 percent requirement
- Analyze PIR data to identify strengths, needs, trends

What are we working on:

- Data Collection
 - ADE Child Outcomes: Preschool Entry to Exit
 - AzEIP Entry and Exit Indicators (state level)
 - National Child Outcomes Data, OSEP



Next steps for our committee:

- Analyze data

Committee Leaders

Chair: Ana Herron-Valenzuela
Vice Chair: Rosemary Sigala

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly Zoom Meeting
First Thursday of the month
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Contact

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 -Email: azheadstart@outlook.com

Did you know?

We collaborate with the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP), the Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Services, and local school districts.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT Committee

About us

We work to support both the children within Arizona Head Start classrooms and the Head Start Workforce. Currently, we are working on goals with AZ Workforce Registry.



2023 Committee Goals:

- Up to date staff lists in AZ Registry
- Helping Programs learn about the scholarships and trainings offered by AZ Registry



What are we working on:

- AZ Registry Goals
- Collecting Data on current Head Start Workforce



Next steps for our committee:

- Reaching out to HS Grantees for POC for their AZ Registry Admins to partner to meet strategic goals
- Providing information to committee members about free trainings available through AZ Registry and AZ Dept of Ed.

Committee Leaders

Chair: Gretchen Bonkoske

Vice Chair: VACANT

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, May 17th @ 1:30 Via Zoom

Contact

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PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Committee

About us

We are dedicated to making community connections to strengthen our work with families & partners, and to further the awareness of Head Start & Early Head Start across the state.



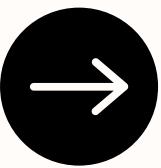
2023 Committee Goals:

- Connections with DCS
- Family Engagement Strategies
- Connections with Community serving the Homeless Population
- Enrollment & Recruitment



What are we working on:

- Connections with DCS
- Family Engagement Strategies
- Enrollment & Recruitment for 23-24 school year



Next steps for our committee:

- Mtgs. with DCS and Foster Care Representatives
- SNAP Partnerships:
 - an MOU between HS Programs & SNAP Benefits
 - Data Sharing Agreement between HS programs & SNAP - CAN
 - 2 - state pilot programs with PCC & NPC & HS programs

Committee Leaders

Chair: Sonya Montoya, NACOG Head Start

Vice Chair: Dulce Quevedo, Child Parent Centers

Upcoming Meetings

May 25th
9:00am - 10:30am
Zoom

Contact

Want to join state level committee work?

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