

ALABAMA HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE



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ON THE HORIZON



Head Start Program Data

The Head Start Collaboration Office is in the process of reviewing 2016-17 CLASS and Teaching Strategies GOLD data obtained for Alabama Head Start programs and plans to provide aggregate reports on this data in the upcoming newsletter.

National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)

NBCDI will hold a four-day conference in Atlanta, GA. (Sept. 30 – Oct. 3) that will feature dynamic keynote addresses and presentations from global leaders spanning a range of topics including early care and education, brain development, family engagement, child welfare, racial equity, literacy, health and wellness, fatherhood, workforce development, and public policy. Registration is now open at www.nbcdi.org.

Early Head Start Home Visitation Model

Many children and parents receive Early Head Start services in their

homes. MIECHV funding may be used to support this home-based delivery option. For more information on the EHS-HS Home Visitation Model, please see <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/programs/article/home-based-option>.

Alabama Head Start Association Conference (AHSA)

The AHSA Conference will be held October 23-25th at the Perdido Beach Resort - Orange Beach, Al. The theme is: "New Beginnings: Transitions and Transformations". On-line registration will open Monday, September 11, 2017. For more information, contact Dawn Owens at dowens@tandemeec.com.

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PARTNERSHIPS

EHS-CCP Meeting

A Fall Training Conference facilitated by DHR will be held September 25-26 at the Renaissance Hotel. The target audience for this conference is EHS-CCP teachers and directors. For more information contact Jeanetta Green at Jeanetta.Green@dhr.alabama.gov.

LEA Coordination with Head Start Programs

According to ESSA, each LEA receiving Title I funds must develop agreements and carry out coordination activities with **Head Start** and other Early Childhood programs. Such activities include:

1. Developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records of preschool children
2. Establishing channels of communication between school staff and their counterparts to facilitate coordination
3. Conducting meetings involving parents, kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers to discuss the developmental and other needs of children,
4. Organizing and participating in joint transition related training of school and Head Start staff, and
5. Linking the educational services provided by the LEA with those provided by Head Start agencies

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **Home Visitation Conference** – September 26-28, 2017; Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery; for more information see DECE website www.children.alabama.gov, Office of Early Learning
- 2) **Mental Health Association** – “First 5 Alabama” – accepting members; for more information, contact Dallas Rabig; 334-430-9340; dallas.rabig@ece.alabama.gov
- 3) **National Black Child Development Institute** – September 30 – October 3, 2017; Atlanta, GA.; Omni Atlanta Hotel and CNN Center; www.nbcdi.org
- 4) **Alabama Head Start Association Conference** – October 23-25, 2017; Perdido Beach Alabama
- 5) **2017 Early Intervention and Preschool Conference** – October 23-25, 2017 – Huntsville, Alabama; Westin Hotel; <http://ucpalabama.org/conference/registration>
- 6) **12th Annual Alabama First Class Pre-K Conference** – January 3 – 5th, 2018 – Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center; Mobile, Al.; www.children.alabama.gov

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