

Alabama Head Start Programs that have Participated in Quality Stars (to date):

- ❖ Cheaha Regional Head Start
- ❖ Community Service Programs of West Alabama (Green, Hale, Fayette, Bibb)
- ❖ Mobile Community Action Inc. Head Start

## PARTNERSHIPS

### REACH OUT AND READ

In the last 10 years, pediatric healthcare providers in Alabama have prescribed more than **1.6 million brand-new books** to the state's youngest and most underserved children. That equates to **more than 3,000 books each week** that find their way into the homes of the neediest children and families throughout the state through the Reach Out and Read-Alabama program. For more information, visit: [www.roralabama.org/contact-us/](http://www.roralabama.org/contact-us/).

### TEACHSTONE

Teachstone provides on-line CLASS-based professional development for infant, toddler, and pre-K teachers. This resource may help Head Start programs address the new coaching standards. For more information about Teachstone, visit :[www.teachstone.com](http://www.teachstone.com).

### OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

- ❖ Oral Health
- ❖ Mental Health – Alabama Partnership for Children; Dept. Early Childhood Education
- ❖ Department of Public Health – Prenatal Health Screenings
- ❖ Department of Early Childhood Education (DECE) – Shared Coaching

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **Head Start Grantee Training** – July 11, 2017; Capitol Auditorium, Montgomery
- 2) **Home Visitation Conference** – September 26-28, 2017; Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery; for more information see DECE website [www.children.alabama.gov](http://www.children.alabama.gov), Office of Early Learning
- 3) **Mental Health Association** – “First 5 Alabama” – accepting members; for more information, contact Dallas Rabig; 334-430-9340; [dallas.rabig@ece.alabama.gov](mailto:dallas.rabig@ece.alabama.gov)

# ALABAMA HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE



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## ON THE HORIZON



### NIEER RATINGS

The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) just released a report (2017) on the state of Head Start across the nation.

*State(s) of Head Start* is the first report to describe and analyze in detail Head Start enrollment,

funding, quality, and duration, state-by-state. The report focuses on the 2014-15 program year but also provides longitudinal data beginning with 2006-2007. The report's findings highlight the need for greater coordination between Head Start and state and local government agencies to build high-quality early learning programs with widespread reach and adequate funding.

### ALABAMA QRIS

Alabama Quality STARS is part of a national systematic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care and education programs. The STARS rating system represents the

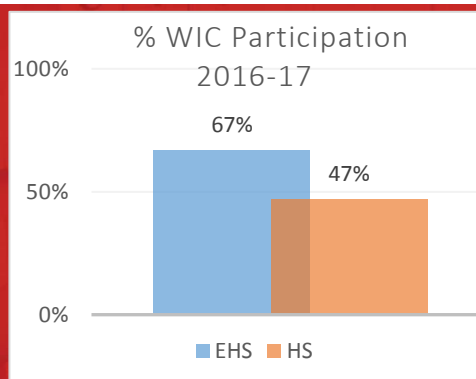
program's level of quality in the following areas:

- Staff Qualifications & Professional Development
- Management & Administrative Practices
- Learning Environment and Curriculum
- Family Involvement & Community Partnerships



## WIC Participation

A supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supported by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).



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