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Upcoming events

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Tuesday we will have Tommy Sheridan, Senior Manager, Government Affairs from NHSA. On Wednesday, there will be Super Circular training by Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, and Fidell, LLC.

Tuesday, June 16-
Thursday, June 18 2015,
Virginia Beach, Virginia

[Register](#)

Welcome to our Quarterly Report!

Dear Head Start Friends,

As you know, May 18, 2015, marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Head Start. Maybe your program has already planned a 50th Anniversary celebration. Maybe you will celebrate by planting roses to reflect back on President Johnson's historic announcement in the Rose Garden of the White House. Maybe you'll break a record by holding your biggest family engagement event, yet. Maybe you'll arrange visits with legislators and help plant new seeds for the future of early childhood development. However you chose to mark this anniversary, share your good news and send in pictures to post on our association website and social media. We enjoyed three days of celebrating this important milestone at our annual conference in Abingdon at the end of March. The SW Region worked very hard to highlight each decade for us in unique and meaningful ways. The Training and Technical Assistance team also provided many facts of Head Start developments throughout the past 50 years. Be sure to see our [conference photos](#). Please enjoy a walk through history in this edition's Quarterly Report. As you can see, "Head Start Works!"

1960's

- In January of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared "The War on Poverty" in his State of the Union speech
- The War on Poverty program was led by Sargent Shriver, who Johnson appointed to personally
- In January of 1965, the committee gathered at the White House
- The name of this project was tossed around with "Kiddie Corps" and "Baby Corps"
- The name Head Start was chosen by academics who understood the achievement gap and that middle class students get ahead of those experiencing poverty
- On May 18, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced Project Head Start in the White House Rose Garden
- Started in the summer of 1965, as an eight week summer program for children from low-income communities going into public school in the fall
- Head Start served over 560,000 children across the United States of America in the first summer for children from low-income communities
- Provided preschool classes, medical care, dental care, and mental health services

1970's

- President Nixon placed Head Start in the Office of Child Development in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare
- Policy groups were defined
- Nixon vetoed Comprehensive Child Development bill citing communism
- National Head Start Association was established
- 1970-72 Dr. Edward Zigler, Director of Office of Child Development, developed Head Start's first performance standards
- First Performance Standards were published and the review process was begun
- First CDA program established. Nixon wanted CDA's in every classroom proposed for 1976
- Services to children with disabilities were first required - "at least 10%" of national enrollment would be set aside for these children
- T/TA system first established (RAP) for services to children with disabilities
- Home Based services model was approved
- First expansion approved
- First bi-cultural and bilingual programs began in 21 states

1980's

- 1984, significant funding increases under the Reagan administration
- 1986, federal funding increase to over 1 Billion dollars \$1,040,315,000, to be more precise
- There was also considerable federal pressure out on programs to limit service to children to one year, thus serving larger numbers of children for the same funding

[Infant Toddler Conference](#)

Wednesday August 12-
Thursday August 13, 2015
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
Staunton, VA
Registration coming in May

[Health & Family Institute](#)

Tuesday October 27- Thursday
October 29, 2015
Charlottesville, VA

[Annual Training Conference](#)

Tuesday April 5- Thursday
April 7, 2016
Fredericksburg, VA

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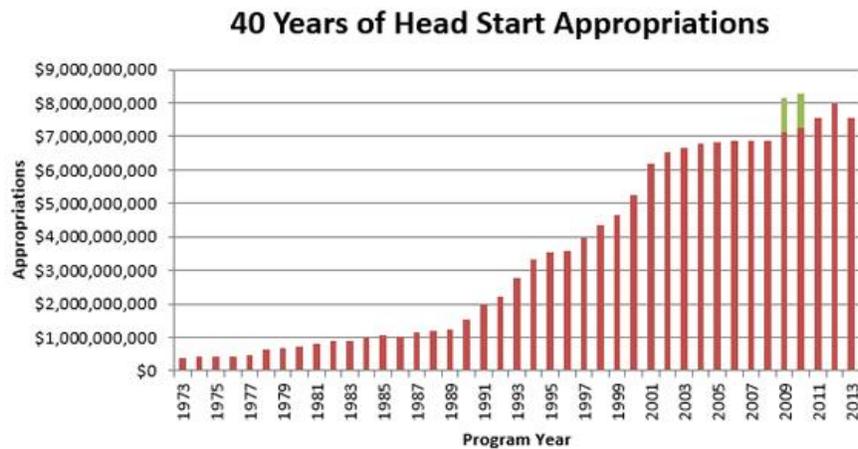
[Elmore Scholarship](#)

Applications now being
accepted until May 15, 2015

Named in honor of Nancy Elmore, who has been an integral part of Virginia Head Start programs for many years, the Elmore Scholarships will provide two \$500 scholarships to VAHSA member Head Start staff or parents to further their education.

[Apply Here](#)

1990's



- Funding nearly tripled in this decade (see graphic)
- 1991 - President Bush and Congress promised "full funding" for Head Start. The largest single increase was approved for Head Start in its history for the 1991 fiscal year; The Head Start Expansion and Quality Improvement Act
- Head Start State Collaboration Projects began. First wave funded, Ohio among first 12 states to receive funding
- 1993 - Federal legislation passed allowing Head Start programs to purchase buildings, and pay interest with federal dollars
- President's Clinton's Commission on Head Start established
- 1994 - Head Start Reauthorization. Significant, major changes in the direction of Head Start included in the language of the bill, based on the findings of the President's Commission
- Program Quality the Major Focus
- Services for children birth to three
- Revision of the Performance Standards
- Increased focus on collaboration, particularly with child care
- Early Head Start grants would be complete with ANY qualified provider, opening the door to Head Start "ownership", and creating a broader competitive field for Head Start
- 1995 -First Early Head Start programs were funded
- CDA requirement was initiated indicating that one CDA teacher must be in every classroom by 1996
- Select committees for Head Start Performance Standards met in DC
- Head Start/Child Care Partnership Initiative underway
- Required on-site peer reviews every three years enforced, including regulations to shut-down programs if deficiencies were not corrected within one year
- Welfare Reform - beginning of the movement which brought significant changes to Head Start enrollment potential
- 1996 - Head Start Revised Performance Standards were completed
- Late 1990s - priorities: education practices and outcome measures, supporting career/professional development planning, teacher education, improving management systems, appropriate funding and functioning of Early Head Start programs, community partnerships, and full day services

Success Stories

Email your success stories to [Dawn](#)
We know you have them, so why not share.

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Please share the VAHSA Spring Quarterly Report with your program staff, parents, and community partners. A PDF version is also accessible from our [website](#)

2000's

- Even more emphasis on data and reporting on aspects of the whole child
- Establishment of Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework (HSCDELF)
- 2007 - The Head Start Act Reauthorized under President George W. Bush New Transportation Regulations
- 2008 - Designation Renewal System established to determine whether Head Start and Early Head Start agencies deliver high-quality and comprehensive services to the families they serve
- 2009 - Under President Obama, approval of ARRA funds added more than 64,000 EHS and HS slots
- The Office of Head Start National Centers were established as new model in conjunction with state-based Training and Technical Assistance
- Parent Family Community Engagement Framework was established bringing more focus on parent involvement vs. family engagement
- School Readiness Goals were another priority with fall, winter, spring reporting to Regional Office
- 2013 - Sequestration went into effect, then frozen for now
- Implementation of new Monitoring System with 5 year grant/planning cycle
- 2015 - Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership Grants begin

We are certainly proud to be a part of Head Start's success for the past five decades. Head Start has been the nation's premier provider of developmental and educational services to pregnant moms, babies, toddler, preschoolers, and their families, who struggle to meet the basic needs of life. Head Start continues to promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social, and other services to enrolled children and families. The Virginia Head Start Association strives to provide professional development training and advocate for Head Start funding. Thank you for your support. Here's to the next 50 years and beyond!



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