

Head Start State Collaboration Office

Program description

The purpose of the Head Start State Collaboration Director is to coordinate federal, state and local policies in order to support an efficient and effective early care and education system. The Office, which is located within the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that was awarded to Ohio in 1990.

The Head Start State Collaboration Office promotes and facilitates activities with state departments, early childhood agencies, associations and advocacy groups. The federal priority areas for the grant include health care, welfare, child care, education, community service activities, family literacy services, activities related to children with disabilities and services for homeless children.

Highlights

State Fiscal Year 2009 grant activities:

- In partnership with The Ohio State University's Early Childhood Quality Network (Q-net) administers the **Parent Information Network Web site**. Users may access resources at www.oh-pin.org.
- In partnership with the Ohio Head Start Association, Inc. (OHSAI) coordinates and conducts a series of four (one day) **regional cluster professional development events related to new requirements in the Head Start Act**.
- In partnership with the Ohio Head Start Association, Inc. (OHSAI) creates and distributes an **Annual Head Start Report** that includes program and demographic data on Ohio Head Start programs and coordinates and conducts two (2) **Head Start Futures Group** meetings.
- In partnership with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) distributes "**Social and Emotional Knowledge and Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals**" professional development publications to individuals and regional locations.

Funding

The Head Start State Collaboration Office operates on an annual grant award of \$225,000. The office is funded in a five-year grant cycle, and the grant is updated and renewed annually.

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