



## NEW YORK STATE HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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Dear New York State Head Start Colleagues,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We bring you greetings and best wishes during this period of Innovation, Integration and Motivation. The 2023 program year will afford us an opportunity to share and work with you on a number of important initiatives across the state, as we celebrate **58 years** of providing exemplary services to our children and families. During this coming year we will face a workforce shortage, under enrollment and providing pay parity for all staff. This will become more difficult and our combined advocacy will become more important. In order for us to move forward with one voice, we will need your commitment to renew your NYSHSA membership or become a new member. As in the past, you may choose the level of membership best for you. Full agency membership will provide membership to everyone in your Head Start Agency. This will be a tremendous savings for attendance at our professional development training conference. Individual membership is also available. The annual membership is from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

We are pleased to announce that our 2023 Annual Professional Development Conference will convene at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains, New York, where we will celebrate the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Head Start and the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Early Head Start. This will be an opportunity to celebrate and plan for our next fifty eight years. To have a voice please join the Association and be a part of history in the making. We will assemble to provide professional development and to discuss cutting edge topics that affect the Head Start Community. We will have an opportunity to hear from our local, state and national leaders. The conference: "It starts with us... Innovate, Integrate and Motivate" will convene on June 8-9, 2023.

To have a voice please join the Association and we assure you we will continue our efforts to provide quality leadership and advocacy for the over 46,000 plus Head Start and 8,000 plus Early Head Start children served. Thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

Please join today!

  
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