

REGION IV HEAD START ASSOCIATION

2021 *Virtual* ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO

Pre-Conference Events: February 17-19, 2021

General Conference: February 23-26, 2021

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February 16, 2021

JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR 2021 ATCE

RIVHSA's 2021 Annual Training Conference & Expo (ATCE) has gone digital! Although not what we would prefer, the virtual experience will be just as rich and engaging as our traditional in-person conference while also allowing attendees to participate safely and conveniently from any workstation with internet access. Whether in-person or virtually, ATCE is an incredible opportunity to connect with colleagues and experts in your own field and across disciplines. From discussion boards to virtual meet-ups, we keep attendees connected and engaged.

Each year, our ATCE attracts hundreds of early childhood development and family engagement experts, professionals, parents and partners throughout the region and around the country. It is this unique gathering of participants which gives our conference its energy and wide-reach. Join us to learn new strategies, expand your network, discover new resources, as well as explore quality initiatives and best practices. In addition to inspiring general sessions and enlightening educational sessions, the event also features Pre-Conference Seminars, Public Policy Forum, Town Hall Meeting, and our virtual exhibitor marketplace showcasing the latest materials and products by industry leaders.

REGISTER TODAY

MEMBER: \$300/person | NON-MEMBER: \$400/person

A purchased registration includes 4 pre-conference intensives, 4-day event programming, on-demand viewing post-event, CEUs for concurrent sessions, and certificate of attendance.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

RIVHSA's ATCE is designed for all early childhood professionals, parents, partners as well as any stakeholder committed to fulfilling the Head Start mission. The target audience includes but is not limited to:

- Board Chair/Members
- Policy Council Chair/Members
- Executive Director
- Fiscal Officer/Team
- Human Resource Team
- Head Start Director
- Early Head Start Director
- EHS-Child Care Partners
- Content Area Managers
- Center-Based Team
- Home-Based Team
- Parents and Families
- Community Partners

LEARNING OBJECTIVES & TRACKS

VIEW 30+ CONFIRMED SESSIONS @ WWW.RIVHSA.ORG

Participants will not only will deepen their knowledge base but also expand their awareness of key frameworks, quality initiatives, best practices and valuable resources in the 6 tracks:

- 1. PREGNANT WOMEN, INFANTS & TODDLERS |** Early Head Start is designed to nurture healthy attachments between parent and child (and child and caregiver). This track focuses on best practices, effective tools, as well as topics addressing the full range of a family's needs from pregnancy through age 3.
- 2. EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT |** Children have a variety of needs and strengths. It is important to stimulate learning across all domains of development and ensure that all efforts are coordinated and connected. This track focuses on best practices, effective tools, as well as topics ranging from engaging interactions to individualization and assessment to parent involvement to foster school readiness.
- 3. CHILD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT |** Healthy children are ready to learn. Head Start's commitment to wellness embraces a comprehensive vision of health which promotes children's health, prevents disease and ensures children are on track developmentally. This track focuses on best practices, effective tools, and topics ranging from safety and nutrition to environmental, oral, and mental health.
- 4. PARENTING & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT |** Families are young children's first and most important teachers. Programs work with families as equal partners to support children's ongoing development and learning. This track focuses on the link between family engagement, healthy development, and school readiness to bolster engagement outcomes and parenting practices.
- 5. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE |** Effective management systems are critical to successfully navigating program challenges and opportunities, while sound program governance provides the necessary linkage, oversight, and direction. This track examines ways to protect and grow the assets of an organization, develop effective frameworks and processes, and accomplish the mission through shared governance and resources.
- 6. FEDERAL - OFFICE OF HEAD START |** ATCE features sessions developed in partnership with the RIV Regional Office of Head Start (RO) to promote knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources along several key areas to power our mission and workforce. These sessions focus on topics of importance to the Head Start/Early Head Start community.

EVENT SCHEDULE

*These schedules are tentative and subject to change.
The conference time zone is Eastern Standard Time (EST).*

PRE-CONFERENCE | February 17-19, 2021

Get a head start on learning before the full conference opens!

| WED | February 17

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Content Area Intensive(s)

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Content Area Intensive(s)

| THURS | February 18

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Content Area Intensive(s)

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Content Area Intensive(s)

| FRI | February 19

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Public Policy Seminar

The **Content Area Intensives (\$0 – No additional fee required but must be registered for the general conference to attend)** are seminars offer a deep dive approach to exploring key issues across content areas. Through a mix of concept lectures, scenario discussions, and value-based exercises, course participants will develop a thorough understanding of core principles and practical strategies. *On-demand viewing post-event.* **CEUs available for all sessions except the Federal Session (Navigating Grant Writing).**

[MASTERCLASS]

February 17 @ 1:30P

Burning the Boat: How to Confidently Follow Your Dreams

Nonprofit Connection LLC, Duluth, GA

[DATA DRIVEN]

February 18 @ 10:30A (Part 1) & 1:30P (Part 2)

Using Data to Drive Equity with Continuous Quality Improvement: Lessons from the Q.I. Network

Early Intel, Oakland, CA

[FEDERAL SESSION]

February 17 @ 10:30A (Part 1) & 1:30P (Part 2)

Navigating Grant Writing: Breaking Down Application Instructions (Part 1 & 2)

DHHS/ACF/Region IV Office of Head Start, Atlanta, GA

[HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT]

February 18 @ 10:30A

How to Manage a Great Retirement Plan and Help Your Employees Work Towards a Successful Retirement

OneAmerica, Indianapolis, IN

The **Public Policy Seminar (\$45/person)** features noted opinion leaders committed to promoting sound and innovative policy solutions and serves as an arena for spotlighting trends, defining emerging issues, and improving the knowledge base for effective decision making. *This event requires an additional fee; it is not included in the general conference registration fee. On-demand viewing post-event and CEUs available for ticketholders.*

“ The 2021-22 Policy Agenda: Advocacy Strategies for Today and Tomorrow ”



February 19 @ 10:30A
Thomas Sheridan, MPA
Senior Director for Government Affairs
National Head Start Association
Alexandria, VA



The Public Policy Seminar is ideal for Executive Directors, Program Directors, Managers, Governing Body and Policy Council members, and any individual seeking to learn and strategize about policy issues impacting the Head Start community.

SEMINAR FEE: \$45/PERSON

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GENERAL CONFERENCE | February 23-26, 2021

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| TUES | February 23

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Opening Session

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
RIVHSA Forum

| WED | February 24

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Research to Practice

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Ask Regional Office

| THURS | February 25

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
OHS Briefing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
TBD

| FRI | February 26

10:00 am – 10:30 am
Installation Ceremony

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Policy & Issue Forum

**REGION IV HEAD START ASSOCIATION
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

2020-21 RIVHSA Membership

Renew for Oct 2020-Sept 2021

October 1, 2020 | www.rivhsa.org

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Leadership Summit

Connecting Money & Mission

June 2021 | Format TBD

Early Head Start Institute

September 27 – October 1, 2021 | Tampa, FL



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Looking to be inspired? Don't miss the plenary sessions during the conference! ATCE features world-class speakers and industry experts who will examine trending issues and challenge everyone to be a part of the solution. Invited and/or confirmed speakers are listed alphabetically below.



OPENING SESSION

Tuesday, February 23 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
Laura Bailet, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer
 Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, NC



INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Friday, February 26 @ 10:00 a.m. EST
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson
 Chair, House Homeland Security Committee
 United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.



RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

Wednesday, February 24 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
Andres Sebastian Bustamante, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
 University of California Irvine, School of Education
 Irvine, CA



NATIONAL FORUM: Policy & Issues

Friday, February 26 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
Yasmina Vinci, MPA, Executive Director
 National Head Start Association, Alexandria, VA



NATIONAL FORUM: Policy & Issues

Friday, February 26 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
Denise Harlow, MSW, CCAP, NCRT, Chief Executive Officer
 National Community Action Partnership, Washington, D.C.



REGIONAL FORUM: Ask RO

Wednesday, February 24 @ 4:00 p.m. EST
Heather Wanderski, MA, Acting Region IV Program Manager and
 Program Operations Division Director
 U.S. DHHS/ACF/Office of Head Start, Washington, D.C.



FEDERAL FORUM: OHS Briefing

Thursday, February 25 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
Ann Linehan, M.Ed., Acting Director and Deputy Director
 U.S. DHHS/ACF/Office of Head Start, Washington, D.C.



FEATURED FEDERAL CONCURRENT SESSIONS

These sessions developed in partnership with the RIV Regional Office of Head Start (RO) – from general sessions to breakouts – to promote knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources along several key areas to power our mission and workforce. These sessions focus on topics of importance to the regional Head Start/Early Head Start community. View workshop list at WWW.RIVHSA.ORG

National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning (NCECDTL)

- Separated but Together: Collaborating in a Virtual World
- Supporting Children and Families When Programs Are Virtual

National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations (NCPMFO)

- Exemplary Leadership and Strong Governance: Shifting Challenges into Opportunities
- Requisite for Organizational Resilience: Human Resources

National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety (NCHBHS)

- COVID-19: Strategies to Promote the Health and Safety of Children, Families, and Staff in Head Start
- Trauma and Coping with COVID-19

National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE)

- Engaging with Families in Conversations About Sensitive Topics During Stressful Times

ABOUT US

The Region IV Head Start Association (RIVHSA), founded in 1986, is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to improving the quality of early care and learning for Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start (HS) children and their families in our 8 affiliate states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. RIVHSA represents more than 150,000 children, 40,000 staff, and 400 member programs. It is our mission to provide valuable professional development opportunities, cultivate meaningful partnerships, and advocate for significant policies and investments to increase program quality.

OUR MISSION

For 30 years, RIVHSA has remained committed to its mission of supporting the regional Head Start community through leadership, advocacy, partnership, and professional development to promote their delivery of high-quality services to enrolled children and families. We value advocacy through collective action, partnerships that expand capabilities and resources, as well as professional development that equips and empowers professionals, parents and partners to meet present and future opportunities.

- **ADVOCACY:** RIVHSA is committed to telling your collective story in a compelling manner to achieve results at the federal level. We also support our affiliates affecting change at the state level, and also work closely with federal offices in our region to address your needs.
- **PARTNERSHIP:** RIVHSA actively seeks innovative partnership opportunities with private, public, and government sector entities. Partnerships amplify our mutual interests and success while also increasing awareness of what we do best - prepare today's students for tomorrow.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** RIVHSA offers training opportunities that address key issues, initiatives, and best practices as well as support federal regulations and policies. These quality learning experiences also strengthen program administration, staff development as well as parent and community involvement.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY | MEMBERSHIP YEAR: OCTOBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 30

When you join RIVHSA, you're not only making a commitment to strengthen the region's HS/EHS programs but you're also joining a community of professionals, parents and partners dedicated to making a difference. Our member programs enjoy a full complement of benefits that make a difference in leveraging your collective voice, supporting professional development, and increasing organizational capacity. Not a member? Renew or join today to receive the discounted member registration rate.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- **Pre-Conference Events:** The registration fee for one of these events is in addition to the general conference registration fee. A purchased registration includes on-demand viewing post-event and CEUs.
- **General Conference:** A purchased registration includes 4-day event programming, on-demand viewing post-event, CEUs for concurrent sessions and certificate of conference attendance.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS & REGISTRATION RATES

RIVHSA members are eligible for discounted registration rates. To receive a member discount, you must hold an active RIVHSA membership at the time of registration. (Our membership year runs from October 1 through September 30 of each calendar year.) To avoid paying non-member registration rates, renew or join the before you register. Membership status will be verified by RIVHSA staff, who will contact registrants in cases of lapsed membership to proceed with reactivation or transition registration to the non-member rate.

- MEMBER: \$300/person
- NON-MEMBER: \$400/person

REGISTER ONLINE & PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD

RIVHSA is enhancing its online registration solutions to support increased credit card transactions. Credit cards are our preferred method of payment as they greatly facilitate the confirmation of registration and also reduces transactional contact for RIVHSA staff especially during the COVID 19 outbreak. Registrations are accepted on a full-payment and first-come, first-served basis only for virtual events. You will receive an email confirmation within two business days after receipt of registration payment.

REGISTER TODAY

ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT OPTIONS

It's an unconventional moment in time, and our support for you is unconditional as we transition to virtual events. If your agency is unable to remit payment online by credit card, there are two alternative payment options:

- **PURCHASE ORDER:** Purchase orders (PO) will not be accepted after January 31. A \$20 processing fee will be assessed to POs. A formal invoice will be provided to grantees upon request. The payment schedule is as follows:
 - Pre-Conference: Received by February 12, 2021
 - General Conference: Received by February 19, 2021

After the aforementioned dates, RIVHSA will cancel unpaid POs. Please contact RIVHSA to arrange payment. Email your inquiry to RIVHSA using the instructions below:

Please contact Frances Starr (Executive Assistant) at fstarr@rivhsa.org, using the following subject line: “[INSERT AGENCY NAME] to register for 2021 ATCE with purchase order agency check”. Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with registration instructions for this payment option. In order to efficiently track this process, we ask that all registration related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. This process will enable you and RIVHSA staff to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT GUIDELINES

- **AGENCY CHECK:** A purchase order process is not required by RIVHSA to pay by agency check. RIVHSA does not accept personal checks. Please contact RIVHSA to arrange payment. Email your inquiry to RIVHSA using the instructions below:

Please contact Frances Starr (Executive Assistant) at fstarr@rivhsa.org, using the following subject line: “[INSERT AGENCY NAME] to register for 2021 ATCE with agency check”. Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with registration instructions for this payment option. In order to efficiently track this process, we ask that all registration related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. This process will enable you and RIVHSA staff to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

SUBSTITUTION & CANCELLATION

- **SUBSTITUTION:** Registration fees are non-refundable. The substitution schedule is as follows:
 - Pre-Conference: Permitted until February 12, 2021
 - General Conference: Permitted until February 19, 2021

After the aforementioned dates, we are unable to process substitutions. Email your substitution request to RIVHSA using the instructions below:

Please contact Frances Starr (Executive Assistant) at fstarr@rivhsa.org, using the following subject line: “[INSERT AGENCY NAME] substitution for 2021 ATCE”. Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with next steps. In order to efficiently track this process, we ask that all substitution related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. This process will enable you and RIVHSA staff to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

- **CANCELLATION:** Registration fees are non-refundable. With the virtual platform, we offer on-demand viewing so there is never a schedule conflict.

Still want to proceed with cancellation? An account credit can be processed to apply your balance (e.g. registration fee minus the processing fee). The schedule to submit the request is as follows:

- Pre-Conference: Permitted until February 12, 2021
- General Conference: Permitted until February 19, 2021

After the aforementioned dates, account credit requests will not be accepted. Please allow 14-21 business days for account credit processing. Credits must be used by 9/30/21 or be forfeited. Credits may only be used to purchase RIVHSA training, membership, or products in the fiscal year credited. *There are no exceptions.* Email your account credit request to RIVHSA using the instructions below:

Please contact Frances Starr (Executive Assistant) at fstarr@rivhsa.org, using the following subject line: “[INSERT AGENCY NAME] cancellation for 2021 ATCE”. Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with next steps. In order to efficiently track this process, we ask that all cancellation related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. Therefore, you and RIVHSA staff will always be able to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

Other registration questions?

Contact Frances Starr (Executive Assistant)

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