

**SEE IMPORTANT NOTICE
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REGION IV HEAD START ASSOCIATION
2019 EARLY HEAD START INSTITUTE
September 16-19, 2019 | Atlanta, Georgia



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Advance Registration: March 1 – September 6
Hotel Group Rate: March 1 – September 6

REGISTRATION OFFERS

- **RIVHSA member agencies** receive a discounted rate.
- **Outside of Region IV?** Take advantage of the discounted rate for special guests.
- **First 100 registrants** entered to win amazing RIVHSA swag and prizes.

JOIN US IN ATLANTA

The Region IV Head Start Association (RIVHSA) leverages our shared mission and collective voice to open doors of opportunity for enrolled children and families as well as the organizations and professionals that serve them. To achieve this vision, we are called to move from theory to implementation, and to share successful practices, tools, and resources that meet the needs of families, communities, and systems and contribute to improving outcomes for children and families.

RIVHSA's Early Head Start Institute is a prime opportunity for both emerging and seasoned Early Head Start (EHS) leaders to expand their understanding and application of best practices, management principles, and quality initiatives to achieve a high standard of excellence today and tomorrow. The conference experience is a unique blend of pre-conference events, speaker expertise, learning tracks, and presentation formats to encourage breakthrough thinking and collaborative problem-solving. This year, hundreds of emerging and seasoned EHS professionals, parents and partners from our region and across the country will convene to:

- **Kickoff the conference experience** at the Leadership Luncheon or one of the featured pre-conference seminars!
- **Explore extraordinary opportunities** with engaging speakers and leading thought leaders at our Leadership Luncheon and daily general sessions.
- **Connect with experts, professionals, and corporate sponsors** in the EHS community and broader infant-toddler network to share and discover strategies to increase effectiveness.
- **Stay on the cutting edge** of research and professional practice with more than 60 training sessions designed to promote best practice, innovation, and partnership opportunities for expanding quality and capacity.

Register early to take advantage of low advance rates and group room block. Advance registration expires September 6.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

ABOUT RIVHSA | 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. For 30 years, RIVHSA has led the way in being an influential voice and entity on policies, issues, and partnerships impacting our regional HS/EHS community. 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 | RIVHSA remains committed to its mission to support the Head Start community through leadership, advocacy, partnership and professional development to promote their delivery of high-quality services. We value advocacy through collective action, partnerships for expanded capabilities and resources as well as professional development to equip and empower leaders 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.

EVENT INFORMATION

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

A child's growth and development is influenced by many social, economic, biological and environmental factors. The traditional African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", emphasizes the significance of creating a comprehensive circle of influence to magnify the opportunities and offset the challenges encountered by young children and their families. Now, more than ever, this circle must continuously widen to connect valuable resources, engage key partners as well as embrace cutting-edge ideas and strategies in order to remain impactful. The Early Head Start Institute brings together diverse audiences of emerging and seasoned professionals, parents and partners who share a commitment to sharing experiences, nurturing young children, deepening practices, engaging families and strengthening communities. Join us at this network-specific conference to expand your understanding and application of key frameworks, quality initiatives and best practices regarding the care and development of expectant mothers, infants and toddlers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

A strong organizational team is a powerful mechanism for getting results and managing change. Grantees are encouraged to register as an organizational team: Executive Director, Early Head Start Director, EHS-Child Care Partnership Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Content Area Managers, Child Care Partners, Board and Policy Council Chairs/Members, as well as other key staff who hold a position of responsibility and accountability.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

ADMINISTRATORS & MANAGERS: EHS organizations are experiencing great opportunities for reinvention or growth but many are also vulnerable to considerable risk. Emerging and seasoned professionals of varying specialties will benefit from this unique learning experience which is designed to focus on the strategies needed to meet new opportunities as well as existing challenges.

BOARD & POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS: EHS organizations recognize the importance of established and well-functioning governance bodies that share the responsibility for the delivery of high-quality services to children and families. This conference provides meaningful learning opportunities for participants to expand their knowledge in the areas of program governance as well as related elements of program design and management.

This schedule is tentative and subject to change. A purchased conference registration includes all conference activities except pre-conference seminars and the Leadership Luncheon.

MON SEPTEMBER 16

PRE-CONFERENCE

Advance registration and additional fees are required for these events.

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Seminars (Page 6)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Leadership Luncheon (Page 7)

MON SEPTEMBER 16

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
General Registration

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

TUES SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Registration

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Opening Session

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Recess for Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Registration

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Afternoon Plenary Session

WED SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Registration

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Concurrent Workshops

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Recess for Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Workshops

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Afternoon Plenary Session

THURS SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Closing Session

"Great conference. Can't wait until next year!"
-September 2017 Participant

"Knowledgeable and engaging presenters."
-September 2017 Participant

"Enjoyed the entire conference, great training sessions!"
-September 2018 Participant

"Conference was great and gets better every time."
-September 2018 Participant

RIVHSA IS GETTING GREENER: In the interest of sustainability, RIVHSA will no longer be providing printed copies of the conference program. We will provide a link to the event program on our site prior by September 12. You may download the program to a mobile device or print a version prior to your arrival. We will announce any program changes at the conference. In collaboration with our corporate sponsor, ChildPlus Software, we have developed an organization app. When the app is available for download, we will post download information to our site.



REGISTRATION

The registration fee for one of these seminars is in addition to the general conference registration fee and includes the Leadership Luncheon. Advance registration is required, and on-site registration is not permitted for these events. Registration will be processed directly by the presenting firm.

[Download/View Seminar Details](#)

Register Today! Registration ends September 6.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE | *Tentative and subject to change*

7:15	Registration
8:00	Morning Session
11:30	Public Policy Luncheon (Included in seminar fee)
1:30	Afternoon Session
4:30	Adjourn

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS (August 20, 2019)

- A. **How SMART is your Head Start?**
SMART Learning Systems, Madison, WI
- B. **Fatherhood and Leadership Skills for Board and Policy**
The Gravely Group, Columbus, OH
- C. **The Nuts and Bolts for Operating a Successful EHS-CCP Grant**
Duscha Management LLC, Ann Arbor, MI
- D. **From Top to Bottom: Managing and Measuring a Successful Inclusion Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities**
Minter Consultants, College Park, GA
- E. **The Fiscal and Grants Management: A Case Study Walkthrough for 2020**
The BSA Group LLC, Lawrenceville, GA
- F. **Early Head Start Keys of Strategic Success**
New Ventures Specialized Educational Services, Union City, GA

OPENING DAY | CATCH THE EXCITEMENT

Kick-off your conference experience with the **Leadership Luncheon** featuring subject matter experts and opinion leaders from across the country or select one of our **pre-conference seminars** for an intensive and immersive learning experiences in sessions addressing topics pivotal to the success of the HS community. **Register today!**

LEAD THE WAY IN PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

When schools engage in more effective parent and family engagement practices, good intentions become high-quality family engagement that connects to what students are learning in the classroom which leads to improved outcomes for students and their families. By providing research, practical strategies, and referencing the leadership work of Dr. Brene Brown and Dr. Stephen R. Covey, this session will help administrators, educators, and family support staff to lead the way in transformative family engagement.

FEATURED SPEAKER



Chris Shade, M.Ed., Speaker & Trainer
ReadyRosie, Denton, TX
chrisshade@me.com

Former teacher. Recovering principal. Current administrator. Keynote speaker. Staff developer. Engaging educator. Chris Shade, currently the

Part-Time Coordinator of Federal & State Programs in Denton Independent School District, also travels the country speaking in schools, districts, and at conferences on topics such as student engagement, working with students of poverty, project-based learning, or developing and delivering dynamic presentations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This experience is ideal for Executive Directors, Program Directors, Managers, Board Members, Policy Council Members, and any individual seeking to learn and strategize about policy issues impacting the Head Start and Early Head Start community.

REGISTRATION | \$75/person

The fee for this event is in addition to the conference registration fee. The luncheon is included in registration fees for the pre-conference seminars. Advance registration is required, and on-site registration is not permitted for this event. Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

[Register Today!](#) [Registration ends September 6.](#)

EVENT SPONSORS [Updated July 19]

- Duscha Management LLC
- Minter Consultants
- New Ventures Specialized Educational Services
- ReadyRosie
- SMART Learning Systems
- The BSA Group LLC
- The Gravely Group

FEATURED SPEAKERS | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Looking to be inspired? Don't miss our featured speakers! EHSI 2019 features world-class speakers and industry experts who will examine trending issues and challenge you to be part of the solution.



Laura L. Bailet, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer
Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, NC

OPENING SESSION

Tuesday, September 17 @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

[Making the Most of Early Head Start: Being Our Best for Our Babies](#)

Early Head Start is a life-changing gift for babies and families. How do we make the most of this incredible opportunity? This presentation will share early brain development research and daily practices that support it, exploring the impact of key principles, policies and practices.



Ron Mohl, Lead Educational Presenter
Lakeshore Learning Materials, Carson, CA

AFTERNOON PLENARY

Tuesday, September 17 @ 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Being a Partner in Play](#)

As responsive partners in play, in the classroom and at home, we address the growth of the whole child while respecting them and their play. Join us for an exploration of strategies that enrich being a partner in play through creating opportunities for discovery.



Calvin E. Moore, Jr., Ph.D., Regional Program Manager
DHHS/ACF/Region IV Office of Head Start, Atlanta, GA

POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, September 18 @ 10:15 a.m. -11:45 a.m.

[DRS Town Hall Meeting](#)

The Head Start Designation Renewal System (DRS) was created in 2011 as an accountability system to determine whether Head Start grantees are delivering high quality and comprehensive services and to implement a competitive grant making process in communities where they are not. Join Federal leadership for a discussion of system mechanisms, national and regional data, quality improvement, as well as other DRS dimensions and experiences.

CLOSING SESSION

Thursday, September 19 @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

[Federal Updates, Initiatives, and Strategies](#)

Head Start plays a central role as a beacon of quality for the nation. The Office of Head Start continues to pursue its vision for early care and education with a focus along the entire early learning continuum and initiatives. Join regional Federal leadership for an exploration of key updates, initiatives and strategies.

The training strands concentrate on key elements of Early Head Start operations and management.

[View Workshop Schedule \(Round 1 & 2\)](#).

Additional sessions will be released as confirmed. Review our website periodically for updates.

EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Children have a variety of needs and strengths. Therefore, 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 early learning, development, and school readiness.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Children need to be healthy in order to learn. Head Start's commitment to wellness embraces a comprehensive vision of health which promotes children's health, prevent disease and ensure children are on track developmentally. This track focuses on best practices, effective tools, and topics ranging from environmental health and safety to oral health and mental health to nutrition.

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 work can help families achieve positive outcomes for themselves and their children. This track focuses on the link between family engagement, healthy development, and school readiness. Find strategies and additional resources to support staff and programs in boosting family engagement and parenting practices.

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 with available resources. In addition, sessions in this track examine shared governance including the responsibilities for overseeing program services.

CONFERENCE HOTEL

CHANGE OF VENUE ANNOUNCED (7/25/19): RIVHSA wholeheartedly apologizes for any inconvenience that this move may cause but we do so to create the best possible conference experience for our attendees.

GROUP INFORMATION (8/27/19): *The host hotel block has limited availability on Sun, Sept 15. All other nights are full (Mon, Sept 16 - Thurs, Sept 19). Please make reservations at one of our overflow hotels.*



WESTIN PEACHTREE PLAZA
210 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303
404.659.1400

[Make Reservations - Westin](#) [OR] Call (800) 937-8461

Group Name: Region IV Head Start Association Early Head Start Institute
Cut-off: September 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (EST)
Rate: \$169 Single/Double

Rates exclusive of taxes and fees. Please contact hotel for complete reservation requirements (i.e. minimum nights, deposits, early departure fee, as well as triple and quad rates).

HOTEL PARKING

Parking based on availability. Discounted rate is subject to change.
Valet \$36.75/day (with in/out privileges)

OVERFLOW HOTELS (8/27/19)

COURTYARD ATLANTA DOWNTOWN

133 Carnegie Way, Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Walking Distance to Westin: 0.2 mi

BLOCKED IS CLOSED

ATLANTA MARRIOTT MARQUIS

265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303
Cut-off: September 6, 2019
Rate: \$199/night - Single or Double
[Make Reservations - Marriott Marquis](#)
Walking Distance to Westin: 0.2 mi

THE RITZ CARLTON ATLANTA

181 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
Cut-off: September 6, 2019
Rate: \$239/night - Single or Double
[Make Reservations - Ritz Carlton](#)
Walking Distance to Westin: Directly across the street

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's Information and Ground Transportation Center is conveniently located in the arrival lobby. For more information, visit www.atlanta-airport.com and click Ground Transportation.

GENERAL REGISTRATION | A purchased conference registration includes general admission to all event activities except pre-conference seminars and the Leadership Luncheon. Registration forms and payment must be received by published dates to receive the advertised rate. Registrations forms remitted without payment will not be processed, and those received after close dates will be subject to a rate increase based upon the date received and registration fee schedule. Unpaid registrations and those received after **September 6** will be subject to the onsite rate, and individuals will be required to register during the conference at the on-site rate with an agency check. No registration materials will be issued if there is a balance due. *There are no exceptions.*

SUBSTITUTIONS/CANCELLATIONS | **SUBSTITUTION:** Registration fees are non-refundable. Fax a written substitution request by **September 6** to RIVHSA at 770.696.2768 for expedited processing. After **September 6**, substitutions will be processed on-site at the conference.

CANCELLATION: Registration fees are non-refundable. Unable to make a substitution? Fax a written account credit request by **September 13** to RIVHSA at 770.696.2768. After **September 13**, account credit requests will not be accepted. Credits will be posted to agency accounts after the event. Credits must be used by 9/30/18 or be forfeited. Credits may only be used to purchase RIVHSA training, membership, or products in the fiscal year credited. *There are no exceptions.* Contact RIVHSA for complete details.

PURCHASE ORDERS | Agencies using a purchase order (PO) will be automatically assessed a \$20 processing fee per PO upon receipt in addition to registration fees. POs will not be accepted after **July 31**. Full payment (\$20 processing fee and registration fees) must be received by **September 6**. After **September 6**, unpaid POs will be cancelled and individuals will be required to register during the conference at the on-site rate with an agency check. *There are no exceptions.*

COMPANY CHECKS | RIVHSA only accepts company checks for this event. Agencies may register on-line with a company check or remit by mail. Personal checks are not accepted.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION | Registrations received after **September 6**, will be processed during the conference at the on-site rate. Full payment (agency check only) must be received for admittance. *Cash, purchase orders, and personal checks or credit cards will not be accepted for payment of registrations.* Registrations are processed on a first-come/first-admitted basis until full. Expect extended wait time.

PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FORM | OCT 2018 - SEPT 2019

Members Receive Discount Rate - Join Today!

This program membership form is for the period of **October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019**. Membership fees are non-refundable. You can [activate your grantee membership online](#) or by mail using the form below:

Organization					
Name Of Director					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		Fax			
E-Mail					
Head Start Funded Enrollment		Early Head Start Funded Enrollment			
Select One (X)	Funded Enrollment Level			Fee	
	Combined Funded Enrollment For Head Start And Early Head Start				
	1-400 total funded enrollment slots			\$150	
	401-800 total funded enrollment slots			\$250	
	801-1,200 total funded enrollment slots			\$350	
	1,201-2,400 total funded enrollment slots			\$450	
	2,401 or more total funded enrollment slots			\$750	

JOIN TODAY:

WWW.RIVHSA.ORG | FAX WITH PO (770.696.2768) Do not mail original | MAIL WITH PAYMENT: RIVHSA, Member Services, P O Box 1049, Snellville GA 30078

<p>RIVHSA USE ONLY: Date: ____/____/____ Amount \$____ CC ____ Check#____ PO#____ \$20</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM | 2019 EARLY HEAD START INSTITUTE

Contact Person for Registration & Position Title

(_____)
Office Telephone

Agency/Company

(_____)
Office Fax

Office Mailing Address

E-Mail

City, State Zip Code

Agency Membership Number

REGISTERING MORE THAN 5 PEOPLE? [Register online](#) OR [Print the form for large groups](#)

Last Name	First Name	Leadership Luncheon \$75	CEUs \$20	Member Mar 1-Sept 6 \$350	Non-Member Mar 1-Sept 6 \$450	Total
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
GRAND TOTAL						

OUTSIDE OF REGION IV? Use the special rate until September 6 (\$400/pp). List attendee names above then calculate rate below:

Number# of Attendees _____ x \$400/pp = Discounted Total _____

Consult the Registration Guidelines for deadlines and restrictions. Questions? Call us at 770.490.9198

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

WWW.RIVHSA.ORG | FAX WITH PO (770.696.2768) Do not mail original | MAIL WITH PAYMENT: RIVHSA, 2019 EHSI, P O Box 1049, Snellville GA 30078

CEU APPLICATION

The continuing education unit (CEU) is a unit for measuring and recording an individual's participation in non-degree credit educational activities. One tenth (0.1) CEUs are issued for each approved contact hour of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. CEUs will be awarded for pre-conference seminars and concurrent workshops only. CEUs will not be awarded for general sessions or meal functions.



CEUs are processed by ProSolutions Training. ProSolutions Training has been accredited as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), and is a sponsor of all RIVHSA training events.

Name (Please Print)					
Position Title					
Organization					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Daytime Telephone	()	Fax	()		
E-mail					

APPLYING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

- 1** Indicate CEUs on conference registration form
- 2** Complete CEU application
- 3** Send both forms with payment

QUESTIONS? CALL US AT 770.490.9198

RIVHSA USE ONLY:
 Date: ___/___/___ Amount \$_____ CC _____ Check# _____ PO# _____ \$20