

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US

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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. In response to the global Coronavirus pandemic, RIVHSA has launched a distance-learning series, Leading, Innovating Together (LIT), in lieu of an in-person event this summer. The LIT series will be conducted May-August 2020. It is a prime opportunity for both emerging and seasoned Head Start (HS)/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. Join us for a unique blend of speaker expertise, learning tracks, and presentation formats to encourage breakthrough thinking and collaborative problem-solving.

## EVENT INFORMATION | LEADING, INNOVATING TOGETHER

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### ABOUT THE SERIES

Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) organizations are experiencing great opportunities for reinvention but many are also vulnerable to considerable risk during this global Coronavirus pandemic. Every nonprofit organization must balance the pursuit of its mission and financial viability. The health of the organization depends on its ability to weigh its mission, capital structure, and organizational capacity in equal measure both as individual areas of concerns as well as on a larger scale in relation to each other.

Leading, Innovating Together (LIT) is a distance-learning series designed to support grantee professional development needs and objectives during the pandemic. For this series, RIVHSA has collaborated with highly regarded regional and national entities to provide a combination of on-demand and live-streamed content. Not only will RIVHSA host customized sessions but we will also create a centralized calendar that integrates webinars being offer by vetted providers. Our goal is to be a one-stop resource for your leadership team's virtual learning needs this summer.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Recognizing that a strong organizational team and well-functioning governance bodies are powerful mechanisms for getting results and managing change, this series targets emerging and seasoned professionals and governance members to expand their understanding and application of management principles, quality initiatives and best models and practices. This experience is ideal for the Executive Director, Head Start and Early Head Start Director, Fiscal Officer, Content Area Managers, Board and Policy Council Chairs/Members, as well as other key staff who hold a position of responsibility and accountability.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Detailed information is provided for each session (e.g. date, time, title, and description). Click the session title to complete event registration and receive fee details. Some sessions are at no-cost while others require a nominal fee. If additional assistance is required, please contact the session provider.

## RIVHSA MISSION & MEMBERSHIP

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### 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. 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.

# MAY 2020

[Click session titles below to register](#)

## [Fiscal Management During the COVID-19 Emergency](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Friday, May 22

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Join Office of Head Start (OHS) leadership as they discuss fiscal flexibilities related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Learn how OHS is implementing items from the IM-ACF-OA-2020-01 ACF Grant Flexibilities in Conducting Human Service Activities Related to or Affected By COVID-19. Explore uses of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act supplemental funds that are available to Head Start grantees. Consider flexibilities other federal agencies are implementing and how they can apply to Head Start programs.

## [Dashboards: Making Your Data Work for You](#)

**Presented by:** Propel Nonprofits

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

Learn how to make your data - from community impact to financial information - more digestible and useful for making decisions. This webinar will cover the purpose, use, and components of useful dashboard reports.

## [Coaching Corner Series: A Day in the Life of a Coach: Part 2](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Join us for part two of A Day in the Life of a Coach. Discuss the ins and outs of being a coach, juggling priorities, and the range of individual goals for coaches. Explore common considerations and challenges for coaching across different program options and delivery formats. Learn strategies for managing your time to make the most of your coaching activities.

## [Caring for Children with Special Health Care Needs During COVID-19](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST

Children with special healthcare needs are experiencing unique barriers to care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Join Jessica Foster, MD, FAAP, to discuss challenges to and strategies for providing supports and care to children with feeding, developmental, and disability concerns. Registered attendees can submit questions in advance.

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## [Fostering Education from Home \(Part I\): Research Informed Strategies that Help](#)

**Presented by:** Child Welfare League of America

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST

With children out of school and at home, caregivers have been asked to assume many new roles and responsibilities. Among these is the role of *teacher*. Even under the best of circumstances, youth who have experienced foster care often have difficulty navigating the demands of school. Now, as schools move into remote learning mode, caregivers must find ways to keep their students motivated, engaged, and learning (as well as fed, entertained, and supported in coping with the traumas of this "new normal"). How can we create routines that allow us to help our kids with assignments and virtual classes? Part I of this two-part webinar session will offer research-informed strategies that caregivers, social workers, educators, and advocates can implement to address some of the common challenges that arise with schooling from home.

- *SAVE THE DATE*

## [Fostering Education from Home \(Part II\): Applying Strategies in the Real World](#)

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

**1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT**

Part II of this webinar will focus on practice and implementation of the practical tools for parents and caregivers introduced in Part I.

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## [Head Start Heals Office Hours: Family Engagement and Child Welfare](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Thursday, May 28

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

When families are involved with the child welfare system, it is a heightened time of stress and great difficulty for parents and children. Trusting and respectful relationships between Head Start and Early Head Start staff, parents, and children are protective, and an important part of addressing related child and adult trauma. Join OHS for a discussion and question-and-answer session on related issues. Participants will hear from experts, engage in peer dialogue, and explore strategies for current and future Head Start programming.

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## [Teacher Time: Supporting Children and Families When Programs Are Closed](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Friday, May 29

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM EST

In this episode, find out what teachers and family child care providers can do to support infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families when programs are closed. Learn strategies for staying engaged, supporting children's continued growth and development, and taking care of yourself during times of stress.

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