

Looking to be inspired? Don't miss the plenary sessions during the conference! EHSI 2019 features world-class speakers and industry experts who will examine trending issues and challenge everyone to be a part of the solution.



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

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

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.



POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, September 18 @ Time TBA

DRS Town Hall Meeting

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

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.



AFTERNOON PLENARY

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

Being a Partner in Play

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

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.



CLOSING SESSION

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

Federal Updates, Initiatives, and Strategies

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

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 a exploration of key updates, initiatives and strategies.