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April Round Up



News, resources and updates for leaders in the Head Start, Early Head Start and early childhood education community

Blogs in Review

Check out what we've been blogging about this month!

[Make Ongoing Monitoring Central to an Effective Management System](#) - (April 6, 2021)

This year, we've highlighted a few strategies to implement a risk mitigation framework in programs. Through a planned approach, your program can identify, minimize, and eliminate risk. One of the most impactful actions your program can take is to improve its system of ongoing monitoring. Ongoing monitoring is required in Head Start Program Performance Standard (HSPPS) 1302.102 (b) Monitoring program performance and is part of a comprehensive monitoring system. Per HSPPS, Head Start/Early Head Start programs must implement a system of ongoing oversight...

[Competing in DRS in 2021? Here's What You Might Expect](#) - (April 22, 2021) If your program is expecting to compete in DRS this year, you may feel some uncertainty about what that will look like. When will applications be due? What will the requirements be? How can we prepare? These are a few of the common questions we hear from programs anticipating a DRS competition. While we can't offer definite information about the 2021 DRS grant competitions, we can provide insight into what you might expect based on past years' experience. And, there's plenty you can do to prepare while you wait for your program's DRS grant competition...

Let's Connect

Conferences continue to take place virtually this spring. Learn about upcoming opportunities below. We hope to "see" you soon!



Region IV Head Start Association Leadership Summit June 15-18, 2021 (Virtual)

Region IV's Leadership Summit will take place virtually this year. [Check out the conference website](#) and [register to attend](#).

NAFCC 2021 Annual Conference July 7-10, 2021 (In person and virtual) New Orleans, LA

NAFCC is offering in-person and virtual options for its 2021 [annual conference](#). [Registration](#) is open for the general conference and pre-conference sessions.

2021 BUILD Virtual Conference July 20-22, 2021 (Virtual)

The 2021 [BUILD Virtual Conference](#) will take place this summer. Keep your eye on the conference website for registration to open soon.

What's New

Here are a few of the resources and updates from the field that crossed our desks this month. We hope you find them interesting and useful.



[A Resource Guide for Developing Integrated Strategies to Support the Social and Emotional Wellness of Children](#) - A comprehensive report from the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, provides information on initiatives, research, training, and alignment of social and emotional wellness for young children.

[Picking up the Pieces, Building a Better Child Care System Post COVID-19](#) - In this report from Child Care Aware of America, learn about child care access and affordability and explore child care supply pre- and post-pandemic.

[The State of Preschool Yearbook 2020](#) - This month, NIEER released its annual preschool yearbook. Learn about national and state-specific trends in state-funded preschool and how the pandemic impacted programs.