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May 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!

[Risk Mitigation Recap: Continuous Improvement for Head Start and Early Head Start](#) - (May 6, 2021) During the past six months, we've introduced concepts in the Talking Points blog about how Head Start/Early Head Start programs can take a planned and systematic approach to minimize the risk of being identified for participation in the Designation Renewal System (DRS) and improve program services. Today, we bring it full circle with this risk mitigation recap...

[DRS Updates and COVID Impact Essential for 2021 Grant Writing](#) - (May 18, 2021) If your program is preparing for grant writing in 2021 – whether it be DRS, Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership, or another upcoming opportunity for the early childhood community – now is a great time to consider the resources and information you will need at your fingertips for success. In recent years, fall has been a busy time for responding to Office of Head Start (OHS) grant opportunities. As your program nears the end of the current program year and thinks about summer planning, we offer a few strategies to help you prepare...

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](#). Join Patti Greenstein, Foundations for Families Consultant, as she presents *Risk Mitigation: Leveraging Lessons Learned from COVID to Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness* (session scheduled for 1-2pm on Thursday, June 17, 2021).

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. [Registration](#) is open, and early bird rates are available through June 11.

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.



[As Pandemic Eviction Moratorium Ends, Households with Children Face Greater Risk of Homelessness](#) - In this report from Child Trends, learn about how eviction moratoriums in place during the pandemic have benefitted families with children and potential impacts of the moratorium ending.

[How States Can Improve Child Care Facilities & Physical Spaces Using Federal Relief Dollars](#) - In joint brief from National Children's Facilities Network, CLASP, NAEYC, Education Counsel, and NAFCC, learn about federal stimulus resources, timelines, and potential uses to support child care programs.

[State of Babies Yearbook 2021](#) - In Zero to Three's 2021 report, explore interactive data and compare state by state statistics and national information about the well being of infants and toddlers.