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July 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!

[Explore What Makes DRS Unique and How Your Program Can Prepare](#) - (July 7, 2021) If trends of past DRS competitions hold true, the next round of DRS will likely open for competition this fall. There are not any DRS grants forecasted yet, but you can keep your eye on [Grants.gov](#) for updates, and we'll post any news here. Is your Head Start/Early Head Start program competing in DRS for the first time? You might have some questions about what to expect or how to get ready...

[Funding for Head Start/Early Head Start through the American Rescue Plan](#) - (July 20, 2021) As U.S. schools plan for their future, the American Rescue Plan has designated assistance for State and Local Education Agencies (SEAs and LEAs) through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. Two-thirds of ARP ESSER funds – \$81 billion – have already been distributed. The remaining third will be distributed once the state plans are approved. To date, every state has submitted their funding plan; six states and the District of Columbia have had their plans approved...

[DRS Round 10 Grant Competitions Forecasted for September 2021](#) - (July 27, 2021) The tenth round of Designation Renewal System (DRS) grant opportunities are now forecasted on [grants.gov](#). The estimated posting date for Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) is September 8, 2021. Applications are estimated to be due on November 8, 2021...

Let's Connect

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



NHSA 2021 Fall Leadership Institute September 20-23, 2021 (In person in Washington, DC)

The Fall Leadership Institute will address topics like the impact of COVID, how to address racism, and advocacy and training opportunities. More information is available on the [conference website](#) and [registration](#) is open (early bird rate available through August 15).

Region IV Early Head Start Institute September 27-30, 2021 (In person or virtual TBD)

Planning is underway for the Region IV Early Head Start Institute, and Region IV is exploring hosting the conference in Tampa, FL. Check out the [conference website](#) and stay tuned for registration information.

Zero to Three Annual Conference 2021 October 25-29, 2021 (Virtual)

On the Zero to Three [conference website](#) you can find a schedule at-a-glance and a full conference schedule to help you plan. [Registration](#) is open, and you can get the early bird rate until August 10.

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.



[5 Tips for Cultivating Empathy](#) - This resource, developed by researchers at Harvard Graduate School of Education, describes five strategies and tips to help children develop empathy.

[One in Eight Child Care Jobs Have Been Lost Since the Start of the Pandemic, and Women are Paying the Price](#) - National Women's Law Center presents facts and figures describing the child care workforce, which consists mostly of women, and how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their lives.

[Transition to Kindergarten: Findings from Recent Research](#) - In this policy brief by the P-3 National Center, learn about research and examples of transition to kindergarten activities at the national, state, and local levels.