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August 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!

[Create Efficiencies with Internal Grant Writing Expertise](#) - (August 19, 2021) The next round of DRS is right around the corner, with grants competitions forecasted for September 2021. If your program plans to compete for funding through DRS, you may be determining roles and responsibilities for grant writing and submission of your agency's proposal...

[FY2022 HS/EHS Monitoring Process Brings Updates to Format and Focus](#) - (August 26, 2021) The 2021-2022 program year is the third program year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Head Start/Early Head Start monitoring processes have been adapted with the changing circumstances. Focus Area 1 and Focus Area 2 reviews took place virtually during the 2020-2021 program year, and CLASS reviews were suspended. 2021-2022 program year reviews will return to some sense of "normal," and there are notable changes for programs anticipating a review...

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 (Virtual)

The Fall Leadership Institute has moved to a virtual format. The conference 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 (access the member rate until September 19).

Region IV Early Head Start Institute September 27-30, 2021 (In person in Tampa, FL)

The Region IV Early Head Start Institute, and Region IV will take place in person in Tampa, FL. Check out the [conference website](#). Advance [registration](#) is open until September 17.

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.

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.



[Impacts of the Pandemic on Young Children and their Parents: Initial Findings from NIEER's May-June 2021 Preschool Learning Activities Survey](#) - Learn about key findings from NIEER's study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and families, including access to programs, participation in special education, engagement in activities at home.

[Latino Child Poverty Rose During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Especially Among Children in Immigrant Families](#) - This report from the National Research Center on Hispanic Children and Families describes an analysis of new data showing the economic impact of the pandemic on immigrant families.

[2021 Kids Count Data Book](#) - Annie E. Casey Foundation recently released the 2021 data book, providing valuable information about state trends in child well-being.