



Accomplishments

- Successfully advocated against Head Start and Early Head Start cuts at the Federal level
- Worked with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED) to develop and implement a statewide assessment tool
- Worked with EED to get Head Start children assigned their unique identifying number for public school.
- Provided input and feedback to EED for the development of the state pre-k programs.
- Helped advocate for expanded services which led to the creation of 306 additional EHS and 17 additional HS slots across Alaska
- Increased membership numbers



“My now 7 year old is currently in first grade and was able to take advantage of attending (Head Start) for 2 years before entering elementary school...I could go on with how she is high or high average in everything..how she has not missed a day of school ‘cause she LOVES school...I believe that the Head Start program had a lot to do with her loving school.”

CCS Early Learning Parent

AHSA Services

Conference & Training

AHSA hosts its annual conference in February where early childhood professionals gather for professional development opportunities, training, and forums for exploring best practices.

The annual conference also gives AHSA members an opportunity to participate in advocacy efforts at our state’s capitol.

Recognition & Awards

AHSA proudly recognizes excellence in Alaska Head Start through our annual awards. Each year, we recognize the tireless and outstanding efforts of administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and other friends of Head Start in our communities.

Government Relations & Advocacy

AHSA represents all 16 Head Start programs in Alaska, creating a unified voice and point of contact for partners and policymakers. Each year we strive to keep the Head Start community informed, to build collaborative relationships, and partner with coalitions at the state and federal level.

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Join Us!



Support Brings Success!

*Individual Membership
Application*



Mission Statement

To collectively advocate on issues affecting Alaska's Head Start children and families.

"...KCI staff have not only helped our children with their physical, emotional and mental skills but have reached out its unlimited loving arms to their families as well. They have gone far and beyond in helping our children and families in need. I am very proud to be involved in their meetings, committees and activities. All these opportunities help to strengthen me, my family and our program."

Kids' Corps, Inc. Parent

"I call your Head Start bag Mary Poppins bag because my daughter can't wait to see what you take out for her and me!"

Huslia Head Start Parent



Welcome to AHSA!

The Alaska Head Start Association (AHSA) proudly advocates on behalf of the Head Start community and provides trainings and resources to Head Start programs statewide. Each year we strive to keep the Head Start community informed, to partner with coalitions at the state and federal level, and to recognize outstanding achievements of those making a difference in our Head Start community.

The support of our members allows us to continue providing these essential services, and to work with legislators and government administrators to ensure the continued success and growth of the Head Start programs in Alaska.

We invite you to review this brochure, consider the many benefits of an individual membership, and encourage you to join in our efforts to build a strong voice for Head Start children and families in Alaska.

We are proud of the work we have accomplished over the years, and with your support, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of Head Start children and families.

AnneMarie Mattacchione, President
Alaska Head Start Association

AHSA membership allows you to

- meet professional association requirements for the CDA credential and support your other academic activities
- be part of a statewide voice advocating for Head Start children, families, staff and programs
- receive biweekly electronic updates on state, regional and national Head Start issues and events
- receive quarterly newsletters
- be represented on a regional and national level on behalf of Alaska Head Start programs.
- have leadership for the concerns and success of Alaska Head Start programs, children and families.
- have leadership development opportunities as a Head Start staff or parent to advocate for children and families.
- support and be a partner with Head Start, an organization that for more than 40 years continues to provide high quality early care and education services to millions of disadvantaged children and their families

Membership Application

Membership year is
November 1 to October 31

	Type of membership	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend of Head Start	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helper of Head Start	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate of Head Start	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Champion of Children	\$500

Please circle: New or Renewing Member

Please help us save costs and provide more timely information by delivering your membership cards, updates, and newsletters by email. Please print your email address below and add akheadstart@gmail.com to your safe senders list.

Name of Member

Head Start Program (if applicable)

Address

Email (please print)

Phone

Total amount enclosed

Please mail completed application and make your check payable (*please do not send cash*) to:
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