

Finding Your Way:

Celebrating and Strengthening Head Start/ Early Head Start and Child Care Partnerships

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 · 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Jefferson Street Inn · Wausau, WI

The annual forum, ***Finding Your Way: Celebrating and Strengthening Head Start/Early Head Start and Child Care Partnerships***, will be held Wednesday, May 21st at 10:00 a.m. This forum was developed by the Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSAs), and the Wisconsin Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) in partnership with the Wisconsin Family Child Care Association, University of Wisconsin Waisman Center, and Supporting Families Together Association to engage leaders of Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Care, and community partners in discussion about:

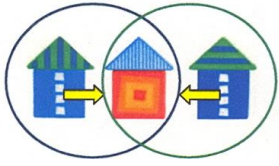
1. Understanding Head Start and Child Care quality standards;
2. Explore what works in child care Head Start/Early Head Start partnerships;
3. Examine partnership opportunities to support high-quality care for infants and toddlers and their families.

Finding Your Way: Celebrating and Strengthening Head Start/Early Head Start and Child Care Partnerships is intended to provide opportunities for:

- Child Care to increase their understanding of Head Start systems and resources.
- Head Start/Early Head Start to increase their understanding of Child Care systems and resources.
- Programs to learn about successful collaborations and partnerships between Head Start/Early Head Start and Child Care.
- Communities to develop or build on existing collaborations and partnerships that strengthen high quality infant and toddler care and effective family engagement.

Coming Together

WHSAs members are encouraged to invite community partners. While you are welcome to bring whomever you find most appropriate, community partners may include a parent from your policy council, representation from your local Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association, Wisconsin Family Child Care Association, Child Care Resource and Referral agency, and local NAEYC chapter, and potential or existing child care partners.



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Agenda May 21, 2014

- 9:30** **Registration**
- 10:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:30** **Overview**
- 10:45** **Head Start/Early Head Start and Child Care Partnerships:
Common Ground and New Territory**
During the morning we will share the basics of Head Start and Child Care trends to increase an understanding of how the systems support families and infants and toddlers. This interactive session will increase our awareness and appreciation of each other's strengths and challenges while identifying resources for collaboration.
- 11:30** **Panel Presentation**
Local partnerships will share approaches to building successful Head Start and Child Care collaborations as well as barriers and helpful strategies.
- 12:15** **Networking Luncheon - Exploring Values and Experiences**
- How are quality initiatives impacting child care?
 - How are performance standards and quality initiatives impacting EHS/HS?
 - What is the best reason to find ways to partner?
- 1:15** **Developing Partnership Opportunities**
Local teams will discuss how to design and implement collaborative comprehensive service delivery models; encourage mutual accountability and tracking outcomes, team around quality improvement and professional development resources, and engage families in successful service delivery to infants and toddlers.
- 2:30** **Break**

2:45 Developing Partnership Opportunities Action Planning
Local teams will identify concrete and specific next steps for collaboration and develop and action plan.

3:45 Report Out

- Promising Approaches
- Meeting Unmet Needs
- Exciting Innovations

4:10-4:30 Next Steps

- Training and technical assistance needs?
- Networking and communication needs?
- Other resource needs

4:30 Wrap-up/Evaluations/Adjourn

Registration is \$30 for the full day and covers food and materials.

[Online Registration](#) open now.

Suggested Readings/Resources: While reading these resources in advance is not a requirement, they will help to frame and understand many of the issues involved with Head Start/Early Head Start child care partnerships.

[Strategies for Head Start – Child Care Partnerships Revisited](#)

[Early Head Start and Family Child Care](#)

[Budgeting for Partnerships Between Child Care and Head Start](#)

[What Are the Key Elements That Contribute to Strong Early Head Start \(EHS\)-Child Care \(CC\) Partnerships?](#)

[Promoting Local Partnerships Between Child Care and Early Head Start: Ideas for State Leaders](#)

[1306.35 Family child care program option](#)