



Head Start COVID Fiscal Management

Hosted by the Head Start Associations of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin

Intended Audience – Head Start Directors, Executive Directors and Fiscal Officers

Friday, February 26, 2021 - Live Zoom Event

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Updates – Ann Linehan, Acting Director, Office of Head Start

*Moderators: Barbara Haxton, Ohio Head Start Association
Kraig Gratke, Minnesota Head Start Association
Jennie Mauer, Wisconsin Head Start Association*

10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

The Basics – Belinda Rinker and Alan Baquet

*Moderators: Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Illinois Head Start Association
Kraig Gratke, Minnesota Head Start Association*

- Operating funds v. COVID funds, including use and documentation
- Timelines, reporting requirements, closeout, etc.
- COVID fiscal resources on ECLKC
- Oversight of COVID funds

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Managing the COVID Chaos – Belinda Rinker and Alan Baquet

*Moderators: Robin Bozek, Michigan Head Start Association
Jennie Mauer, Wisconsin Head Start Association*

- Looking back at the past year
- Making sure fiscal compliance is demonstrated
- Filling fiscal compliance gaps

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Break**

1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Planning for the Future – Belinda Rinker and Alan Baquet

*Moderators: Barbara Haxton, Ohio Head Start Association
Rhett Cecil, Indiana Head Start Association*

- Operating cost savings
- Unexpended COVID funds
- Options for unspent funds
- Budget modifications and carryover requests

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Panel Q & A –

Ann Linehan, Acting Director, Office of Head Start

Heather Wanderski, Program Operations, OHS

Karen McNamara, Region V Program Manager

Guadalupe Quiroz, Region V Grants Officer

Belinda Rinker and Alan Baquet, Fiscal Consultants

Moderators: Robin Bozek, Michigan Head Start Association

Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Head Start Association

Rhett Cecil, Indiana Head Start Association

Respond to pre-submitted and current questions as time permits

Belinda Rinker, JD, an attorney and Managing Member of SRCS, has over thirty years of experience working with grant-funded and nonprofit organizations. She recently retired from her position as a Senior Policy Analyst at the national Office of Head Start in Washington, DC where she led fiscal, facilities and disaster recovery initiatives. During her Head Start career, she gained hands-on experience in program operations and fiscal management. Belinda has extensive knowledge of the many governance and fiscal requirements that apply to federal awards and has provided training and compliance assistance at the grantee, state and national level.



Alan Baquet, PhD, an economist and Member of SRCS, has a robust background in educational, nonprofit and private industry settings. He is nationally recognized for his research and teaching accomplishments. He successfully applied for and managed grant awards throughout his university career. He has expertise in supporting the operation of complex organizations, having served as a Department Head and Associate Vice Chancellor in educational settings. Alan is certified in both Life Coaching and Appreciative Inquiry, critical skills that enhance his ability to facilitate strategic planning and organizational change initiatives.