## REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD Quarterly Reporting Form

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## **Correspondence:**

1. Conference calls with Maria Cervera, ACF, OHS Region VI HSSCO Liaison

2. Conference calls with Katie Dufford-Melendez NHSA Director of State Affairs

**3.** Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte

**Content Topics:** Fall 2023 In-Person OKACAA Conference Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting scheduled, Work with Oklahoma's PDG, & Reporting Homelessness in pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grades legislation passed.

## **Reporting Information:**

Fall OKACAA Conference: Head Start Track-Our Head Start Track of our OKACAA In-Person conference was a phenomenal success. The favorite session was the "Speed Dating" type Resource Fair. We had representation from the following: Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness; Oklahoma Family Network; Autism Foundation of Oklahoma; SoonerStart (Oklahoma's Part C); Infant Mental Health Consultation/Childcare Warmline; Pyramid Model Projects; Hunger Free Oklahoma; Unite Us Oklahoma; University of Central Oklahoma ECE; Oklahoma State University ECE; OU-Tulsa ECE; Council on Early Childhood Professional Development; Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth; Learn the Signs, Act Early; Oklahoma Childcare Services; & Scholars for Excellence-Head Start/Childcare Scholarship program. We have already thought of several others we will want to include when we hold the conference in-person next fall. The conference was twice as big as it was last year and we will be looking for a new venue for next year!

Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board The next Collaboration Office Advisory Board meeting will be held November 1<sup>st</sup>.

<u>Working with Oklahoma's PDG:</u> I have been included in the monthly PDG calls for Oklahoma since attending the Summer OHS session with Director Garvin.

Reporting of Homeless Children in pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> legislation passed: I am on the steering committee that pushed for a state-wide approach to collecting information on whether an enrolled child meets the eligibility for McKinney-Vento. It was through discussion in the committee that we understood that reporting is extremely low from the schools. They now have a standardized electronic form and are required to use it. We had a celebration of this legislation on 10/18/2023. It goes into effect 11/1/2023.

**Board Action Items:** None at this time

**Report Attachments (if any):** 

Signature(s): Paula A. Brown Date: 10/19/2023