

Region IV Head Start Association

MISSION STATEMENT

Region IV Head Start Association is a professional organization that serves as an advocate for Head Start children, parents, and staff in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

In the role as advocate, the Region IV Head Start Association through education, coordination, and collaboration, seeks to improve the quality of life for staff, families, and communities served through the Head Start program.

The Association is organized and is operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes. In furtherance of these purposes, the Association provides a regional forum for the continued enhancement of the status of children, youth, and families.

Here you will find information on our programs, members, and services. Please look around, then contact us to get involved.

About the Region IV Head Start Association, Inc.

The Region IV Head Start Association, Inc. (RIVHSA), founded in 1986, serves as an advocate for quality outcomes for Head Start children, families and staff throughout the southeast region. It is our vision that all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Region IV will provide quality, comprehensive services to children and families. RIVHSA pursues its vision through advocacy efforts as well as the provision of professional development opportunities to meet the diverse needs of Head Start programs in our region.

Our commitment to achieving quality outcomes is exemplified by our continuous delivery of comprehensive professional development opportunities for the Head Start community. In addition to our Annual Training Conference, RIVHSA offers customized training and technical assistance (T/TA) services to regional programs through our Program Assistance Team and the I.N.S.P.I.R.E. network.

Annual Training Conference

Our Annual Training Conference is the premier training event in Region IV providing educational enrichment opportunities for hundreds of Head Start professionals, parents, policymakers, and community partners. The educational sessions are conducted by nationally and regionally recognized experts addressing legislative issues, early care and education, intervention and prevention strategies, as well as quality initiatives and practices. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to network as well as to exchange ideas and information with administrators and practitioners from across the southeast region.

Program Assistance Team

The Program Assistance Team (PAT) is a service designed exclusively for agency members to support their readiness for a federal monitoring visit or to assist in their efforts to meet compliance standards following a federal review. RIVHSA assumes financial responsibility for the consulting time, and the program is only financially responsible for related travel expenses and training materials. PAT supports the Association's vision to enhance positive outcomes for Head Start children and families throughout our region. Agency members should contact our office for more information about PAT.

I.N.S.P.I.R.E.

(Innovative Networks of Support for Program Improvement and Regional Excellence) - The I.N.S.P.I.R.E. network includes an array of qualified professionals with extensive knowledge, experience, and credentials in all areas of service delivery. Consultation services may include but are not limited to pre-service, in-service, self-assessment, monitoring readiness, program governance orientation, and strategic planning retreats.

I.N.S.P.I.R.E. is available to all Head Start programs for a fee based upon their agency's RIVHSA membership status. Agency members receive a reduced rate for consultation time. Contact our office for more information about I.N.S.P.I.R.E.