



# Kitchen Table Talk

Wednesday, April 29, 2020



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# NHSA's Vision for Head Start



## To Lead

To be the untiring voice that will not be quiet until every vulnerable child is served with the Head Start model of support for the whole child, the family, and the community

## To Advocate

To work diligently for policy changes that ensure all vulnerable children and families have what they need to succeed

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# NHSA's Mission

**NHSA's mission** is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.





# Welcome to the New Series

In response to all your thoughts, ideas, and questions we're launching this weekly webinar series.

## Over the past few weeks, we've brought you:

- **strategic planning resources from Bellwether Education Partners** to help you make the best possible decisions for your programs, staff, and Head Start children;
- **access to experts on mental health from AllMentalHealth and CloseGap** to see how we can connect to our families while we're physically apart.
- **Quality online resources for families like Noggin Cares** with activities and videos for children while they remain at home



Opening doors to Head Start's nation-wide community

Be sure to check out the [theblock.nhsa.org](https://theblock.nhsa.org) to find important resources and to spark important conversations



## Poll #1: What best describes your role?

- A. Manager/Director
- B. Educator/Teacher/Aid
- C. Specialist (family engagement, health, curriculum, etc.)
- D. ERSEA/HR/Administration
- E. Other (write in question box)

# Answering Your and the Parents' Biggest Questions



Questions like

- What to do If the time to do your taxes has disappeared
- What if you're caring for a loved one?
- How do I support my family's nutritional needs?



# Advocacy in Washington

- **Congressional Response**

- **COVID Preparedness Act**
- **Families First Act**
- **CARES Act**
  - **\$250 million** for Head Start to meet emergency staffing needs, address added operational costs, and provide summer learning opportunities
  - Up to \$500 million for summer programming
- PPP and Health Care Enhancement Act
- Coming soon...Phase 4?

- **Administrative Response:**

- CACFP
- Wages and Benefits
- Child Care for Emergency Workers
- Enrollment Guidance


# Chat Time!







**What safety procedures do you think need to be put in place at your program to reopen?**



**How might you modify your own practices to accommodate whatever social distancing guidelines are still in place in the fall?**



# What do you think staffing will look like?



# What specific supplies are you looking for?



# What technology needs do you have?



# What sanitation needs do you have?




**What mental health supports do you think are needed for both staff and families?**



**What additional flexibility do you think you'll need?**





**How might you help children who may be at a different place academically and socially than they typically would be if they had uninterrupted access to preschool services?**

# Q&A





## What's Next?

- Please be sure to fill out the survey at the end of this call to share thoughts and ideas for future talks

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# Do you have a story?

NHSA is collecting stories to:

- share on social media to help connect the Head Start community;
- help our government affairs team advocate in Washington, DC.; and
- share effective practices.

Take our survey at:

[go.nhsa.org/share-my-story](https://go.nhsa.org/share-my-story)

(Please share with colleagues and parents!)





## Stay Connected on Social Media

Use this hashtag on Twitter to connect with other Head Start programs and share how you are supporting your community during this time:

**#HeadStartHelps**

