



## Conference Agenda

### A Gathering to Celebrate Head Start and our Early Learning Community Embassy Suites, Portland Oregon

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

**1:00-5:00 p.m.      Region X Head Start Association Board meeting  
(Board members only)**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Conference Begins!**

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**8:00-9:00 a.m.      Registration – all participants will receive a copy of Dr. Gerald Newmark's book: *How to Raise Emotionally Healthy Children*—available in English and Spanish**

**9:00-9:30 a.m.      Keynote Speaker – Yasmina Vinci, NHSA Executive Director  
*National Head Start Association Advocacy Goals – Celebrating Accomplishments of NHSA***

**9:30-9:45 a.m.      Region X Head Start Association Opening Session  
*Introduction to Board Members, Roles of the State, Region and National Association - Region X Head Start Association President, Wendee Shuell – Overview of agenda***

**Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes, Office of Head Start Director –  
*Via video-tape address on Office of Head Start priorities and celebrating what is on the horizon***

**9:45-10:15 a.m.      Nancy Hutchins – Regional Administrator – *Region X Office of celebrating Head Start – introduction to Region X priorities for all participants to hear***

**10:15-10:30 a.m.      Break**

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CHOICE SESSIONS**

- **Early Head Start - for New and Existing Grantees** – Understanding the needs of Infants and Toddlers in center and homebased delivery models – Region X Office of Head Start
- **Advocacy Training – Moving Forward on the Early Learning Agenda**  
*Yasmina Vinci, NHSA Executive Director and Joel Ryan, Washington State Head Start and ECEAP Association Executive Director*

- **Impact Studies and latest releases in early learning research** – Ben Allen, NHSA Director of Research and Development

**12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Dollar per Child Luncheon – Facilitation \_Need RXHSA Board Member - Conference participants don't forget your dollar per child donations!**

**1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CHOICE SESSIONS**

- **Directors' Forum with R X OHS – Topics are in the Works!**

*Break time for directors will be determined by presentation schedule*

**1:00-3:00 p.m. CHOICE SESSIONS for Staff and Parents**

- **Continuation latest releases in early learning research with added strategies on how to gather latest research to build a powerful case for advocacy and grant writing** – Ben Allen, NHSA Director of Research and Development
- **Science and Nature: Zula** – Presenter to be determined

**3:00-3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:30-5:00 p.m.**

- **Staff** – What emerging issues do you see from staff working in your agency
- **Parents** – How can you bring back what you learned at the Region X conference to your grantee, Policy Council, Board and State Association

**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

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**8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:00-9:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker – Lillian Hubble, President of Time to Sign, Inc.** *Presentation will discuss the educational advantages of teaching children American Sign Language with a focus on creating an “inclusive” educational environment where children can learn, socialize and communicate.*

**9:45-10:00 a.m. Break**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CHOICE SESSIONS**

- **Sign Language – A Passage to Literacy, Lillian Hubble**, using sign language to teach concepts greatly accelerate the process of learning to read. This workshop provides American Sign Language (ASL) training for professionals and

parents to be used in the infant/toddler/preschool environment to enhance early literacy. The workshop will teach basic words as follows: alphabet signs, classic and new children's songs, nursery rhymes, story favorites, early ready word signs, and more! Presentation will be done in both English and Spanish.

- **Building and/or Strengthening your Fiscal Management Department**, Region X Office of Head Start staff will present federal requirements to assist grantees with their fiscal reporting requirements such as non-federal share, procurement, changes in your grant budgets, grant submissions, 269 and 272 reporting. ARRA reporting and much more!
- **Head Start Performance Standards degree requirements – Strategies for responding to the educational requirements for teachers and teacher assistants** – Kelli Bohannon Washington State Head Start Collaboration Director. Kelli will bring forth strategies from all collaboration directors from states in Region X: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington states

**12:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Regional Scholarship Winners' Luncheon, Wendee Shuell, RXHSA President and Rick Garza RXHSA Board Member**

**1:00-3:15 p.m. CHOICE SESSIONS**

- **Continuation: Building and/or Strengthening your Fiscal Management Department**, Region X Office of Head Start staff will present federal requirements to assist grantees with their fiscal reporting requirements such as non-federal share, procurement, changes in your grant budgets, grant submissions, 269 and 272 reporting. ARRA reporting and much more!.
- **Advancing your Career in Head Start and Early Head Start** – Strategies on how staff can advance Head Start – Presentation by Cheryl Hamilton, Human Resources Administrator for Educational Opportunities for Children and Families
- **Parent Tool Kit – Tentative Sessions**
  - Healthy Children and Health Families – ENHANCE - Christina Reyes and Jane Lanigan, Ph.D. of Washington State University
  - I am Moving, I am Learning – T/TA
  - Pre-School Activities to Home Activities – year round – need a presenter

**3:15-3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:30-5:00 p.m. Break/Networking Affiliate Meetings**

- **Directors** - Emerging Issues in Head Start and Early Head Start
- **Staff** – One year later.....where are you at addressing the new staff requirements
- **Parents** – What three things will you bring back to your grantee, Policy Council, Board and State Association from the Region X Conference

**Friday, March 5, 2010**

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**9:00- 9:30 a.m.**

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Gerald Newmark  
Author of How to Raise Emotionally Healthy Children

**9:45-11:15 a.m.**

**CHOICE SESSIONS**

- **Directors Session**
  - Developing Region X Advocacy Agenda based on Director Affiliate Meeting.
- **Focus on Technology Applications –**
  - Presentation on EOCF “Training” University from Wade Stewart, Training and HR Manager from Educational Opportunities for Children and Families
  - Presentation on Child Plus Region X HS Association User Group – Debbie Pajari, Database Analyst and Child Plus Account Executive Carolyn Hegliger-Graham will co-present this session
- **Facilitation Training –** Cathy Wamsley, Umatilla Morrow Head Start, will present to interested staff and parents on how to effectively facilitate meetings.

**11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

- **Director, Staff and Parent Affiliate Report back, (presenters to be determined)**

**Closing Session, Ron Herndon – NHSA President and Wendee Shuell, RXHSA President – Celebrating Head Start and the Early Learning Community!**

**Have a safe trip home!**