

**TEXAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION**  
**Reporting Form**



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**Reporting Information:**

The THSSCO supported the planning for the **THSA Leadership Forum** that will take place **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. This includes a partnership and consultant agreement that was developed between the THSSCO and the keynote speaker **Dr. Jerry Roberson**, Cognitive High Performance Coach & Speaker to support the following:

Dr. Roberson will provide follow-up sessions after the THSA Leadership Forum, to take a deeper dive into his presentation, to share how Head Start can further engage with fathers and families:

**Fatherhood and Family Engagement Follow-up Sessions:**

**Dates:** September 28th – October 5th – October 26th

**Time:** 11:00 – 12:00

**Target Audience:** Head Start Administrators, Site Directors, Family Service Staff, staff responsible for fatherhood engagement, fathers & families

An email will be sent with a flyer for HS/EHS Administrators to share with target staff, fathers and families to encourage their participation. The flyer will include the information noted above and the training link.

Additional partnerships have been developed with **Anthem Strong Families**, to support HS/EHS by educating, equipping and empowering men, women and youth to be the champion for their life, their marriage and their children, and with the **Texas Early Learning Coalition Symposium**, to strengthen understanding and build relationships across early childhood entities.

## **Infant Toddler Specialist Network**

The THSSCO is proud to share about the work and engagement in collaboration with the [Infant Toddler Specialist Network](#) (ITSN) team at The Children's Learning Institute (CLI), to align the Head Start Program Performance Standards with the Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF), which you can access and view on the website using the link above, along with the webinar/training that was provided to Early Head Start (EHS) administrators and infant/toddler staff.

Texas ITSN offers professional development opportunities and collaborative experiences for Specialists (mentors) and teachers covering a wide range of topics specific to supporting infant and toddler development. One of the goals of the THSSCO for this fiscal year is to increase EHS infant/toddler staff participation in the Infant Toddler Specialist Network.

The alignment between EHS & ITSN included:

- Created a webpage that talks about the alignment
- Created and finalized the alignment document
- Hosted an info session (May) with THSSCO participants
- Edited the info session recording and posted it on the webpage as a webinar
- Sent out a follow-up email in May and August to remind THSSCO participants about the benefits of alignment

## **Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS)**

The THSSCO is working with the [Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System](#) (TECPDS) and the Communication Team at CLI to align TECPDS with Head Start. The TECPDS staff will participate in state association trainings, including the Leadership Forum on Thursday, institutes, conferences, etc., to encourage Head Start participation in the TECPDS, and to inform program administrators about all the tools that are available in the system, including the wealth of professional development, tools, resources, etc., that the registry offers, including the certificate generating tool and the organizational dashboard. The TECPDS includes the Texas Trainer Registry and the Texas Workforce Registry.

## **Texas Early Learning Council - PDG-B5 Grant**

The THSSCO Director meets monthly with the Inter-Agency Deputy Director of Early Childhood Support Office of School Programs at the Texas Education Agency to represent HS/EHS across state systems. The latest activities include the THSSCO engagement with the Texas Early Learning Council on the PDG-B5 Grant.

I continue to serve on the Governor appointed Texas Early Learning Council (TELC), representing HS/EHS. The work and engagement of the TELC for this fiscal year includes the work of the PDG-B5 Renewal Grant. I continue to participate in activities, including individual and group meetings, reviews and discussion on the data obtained from surveys of the early childhood systems across Texas, staff, parents and various partners. I will continue to participate in ongoing PDG-B5 activities through the completion of the updated strategic plan for 2023-2026.

## **Grant Recruitment:**

I have supported HS/EHS participation in several CLI grants during this fiscal year, namely: CLI CARE HS Grant, Core Competencies for Coaching Professional Development Program (C3PD), and PALS/Children Experiencing Homelessness & Exposed to Family Violence.

Most recently, I was asked to support the recruitment for the **Continuous Improvement for Teachers (CIT) Research Project**, which begins in the fall of 2023. Participating **pre-k 3 or 4 teachers** will receive free professional development around improving knowledge, instructional quality, and child outcomes. Communication was sent to Head Start Administrators on 9/1 and a reminder message was sent on 9/12, to recruit participants. The recruitment flyer that summarizes the CIT Research Project is attached. In addition to free professional development, teachers who are selected to participate in the intervention groups for the study can receive up to \$820.00, along with a tablet.

## **Conference /Meetings participation & Scheduled since the 6/21/23 Meeting:**

### **Region VI HSA Conference**

July 18-21 | New Orleans, LA

### **HS Collaboration Directors' Meeting**

August 1-2 | Washington DC

### **THSA Virtual Leadership Forum**

September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Texas Early Learning Council (PDG-B5 Activities)**

September 15 | Austin

### **Fall Leadership Institute**

September 18-21 | Washington DC

### **Texas Early Learning Council (PDG-B5 Activities)**

October 5-6 | Austin

### **TXAEYC**

November 2-4 | **Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, TX**

### **Texas Early Learning Collaborative Symposium**

December 12-13 | Virtual



### **Board Action Items: None**

**Report Attachments (if any):** Continuous Improvement for Teachers (CIT) Recruitment flyer

**Signature(s):** *Alferma Giles* **Date Report Submitted:** 9/13/23

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