AHSA encourages participation at the local AAEC conference in January where early childhood professionals gather for professional development opportunities, training, and forums for exploring best practices.

AHSA also hosts its annual awards banquet that same week.

**Recognition & Awards**
AHSA proudly recognizes excellence in Alaska Head Start through our annual awards. Each year, we recognize the tireless and outstanding efforts of administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and other friends of Head Start in our communities.

Award winners are recognized at the annual banquet, typically held in January.

**Government Relations & Advocacy**
AHSA represents all 18 Head Start programs in Alaska, creating a unified voice and point of contact for partners and policymakers.

We strive to keep the Head Start community informed, to build collaborative relationships, and partner with coalitions at the state and federal level.
Welcome to AHSA!

The Alaska Head Start Association (AHSA) proudly advocates on behalf of the Head Start community and provides trainings and resources to Head Start programs statewide. Each year we strive to keep the Head Start community informed, to partner with coalitions at the state and federal level, and to recognize outstanding achievements of those making a difference in our Head Start community.

The support of our members allows us to continue providing these essential services, and to work with legislators and government administrators to ensure the continued success and growth of the Head Start programs in Alaska.

We invite you to review this brochure, consider the many benefits of an individual membership, and encourage you to join in our efforts to build a strong voice for Head Start children and families in Alaska.

We are proud of the work we have accomplished over the years, and with your support, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of Head Start children and families.

Anne Shade, President
Alaska Head Start Association

AHSA membership allows you to

- meet professional association requirements for the CDA credential and support your other academic activities
- be part of a statewide voice advocating for Head Start children, families, staff and programs
- receive monthly email updates on state, regional and national Head Start issues and events
- be represented on a regional and national level on behalf of Alaska Head Start programs
- have leadership for the concerns and success of Alaska Head Start programs, children and families
- have leadership development opportunities as a Head Start staff or parent to advocate for children and families
- support and be a partner with Head Start, an organization that for more than 40 years continues to provide high quality early care and education services to millions of disadvantaged children and their families
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Help us save costs and provide more timely information by delivering your membership cards, updates, and newsletters by email. Please print your email address below and add akheadstart@gmail.com to your safe senders list.

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