Accomplishments

- Successfully advocated against Head Start and Early Head Start cuts at the Federal level
- Worked with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED) to expand the use of a statewide assessment tool
- Along with other statewide early childhood partners, advocated successfully for increases in state-funded Pre-k, Parents As Teachers expansion, and increased funding for Best Beginnings and thread.
- Maintained membership numbers

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AHSA Services

Conference & Training
AHSA hosts its annual conference in January where early childhood professionals gather for professional development opportunities, training, and forums for exploring best practices.

The annual conference also gives AHSA members an opportunity to participate in advocacy efforts at our state's capitol.

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.

Government Relations & Advocacy
AHSA represents all 16 Head Start programs in Alaska, creating a unified voice and point of contact for partners and policymakers. Each year we strive to keep the Head Start community informed, to build collaborative relationships, and partner with coalitions at the state and federal level.

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Individual Membership Application

Mission Statement

To collectively advocate on issues affecting Alaska's Head Start children and families.

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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.

Malinda Besett & Mary Willey, Co-Chairs
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 biweekly electronic updates on state, regional and national Head Start issues and events
- receive quarterly newsletters
- 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

Membership Application

Membership year is November 1 to October 31

	Type of membership	Annual Dues
❑	Parent	Donation
❑	Individual	$10
❑	Friend of Head Start	$25
❑	Helper of Head Start	$50
❑	Advocate of Head Start	$100
❑	Champion of Children	$500

❑ **Please check if you'd like a membership card. Card is emailed as a printable .pdf file**

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Name of Member

Head Start Program (if applicable)

Address

Email (please print)

Phone

Total amount enclosed

Please mail completed application and make your check payable *(please do not send cash)* to:
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