

SAVE THE DATES

**MHSA 5th Annual
Health Institute**
November 7th, 2019
Lansing Radisson
Lansing, MI



**MHSA Winter
Assembly & Elections**
January 16-17, 2020
Marriott Detroit Livonia
Livonia, MI



**MHSA 29th Annual
Early Childhood
Conference**
March 5-6th, 2020
Kensington Hotel
Ann Arbor, MI



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2019 MHSA Fall Assembly

**Mission Point
Mackinac Island, Michigan
September 17-18, 2019**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

7:45am - 8:45am	BREAKFAST	Summit Room
7:45am - 9:00am	REGISTRATION	Cypress Room
9:00am - 9:05am	<u>Welcome</u> Robin J. Bozek, Executive Director, <i>Michigan Head Start Association</i> Corey Holcomb, ECE Director, <i>Community Action Alger Marquette</i>	Cypress Room
9:00am - 10:00am	<u>Assembly Meeting</u>	Cypress Room
10:00am - 10:15am	BREAK	
10:15am - 11:45am	<u>Opening Keynote: 2019-2020 Federal Policy Update</u> Yasmina Vinci, Executive Director, <i>National Head Start Association</i> Tommy Sheridan, Senior Director of Government Affairs, <i>National Head Start Association</i> The National Head Start Association's Executive Director returns to Michigan to share her seasoned perspective on what is happening on the Hill and the potential impact on Head Start. This update will inform us on changes to federal policy and anticipated budget actions as well as alerting us to future advocacy campaigns.	Cypress Room
12:00pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH	Summit Room
1:15pm - 4:00pm	<u>Director and Staff Networking</u> Robin J. Bozek, Executive Director, <i>Michigan Head Start Association</i> Kaitlin Ferrick, Head Start State Collaboration Office Director, <i>Michigan Department of Education</i> Presenters: Early Learning Cohort Edward Manuszak, Superintendent, <i>Dundee Community Schools</i> <i>Early Learning Cohort</i> Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation Melissa Brooks-Yip, Coordinator of Instruction, <i>Washtenaw ISD</i>	Sugarloaf Room
1:15pm - 2:30pm	<u>Parent & Staff Workshop: "The Impact of the Opioid Crisis and Substance Use Disorders: Creating a Path Forward for Head Start and Early Head Start"</u> Corey Holcomb, ECE Director, <i>Community Action Alger Marquette</i> An overview and discussion on the opioid crisis and children and families impacted by opioids and substance misuse. Participants will learn current terms and phrases, discuss community collaboration examples, and explore resources to think about next steps for your program.	Robinson's Folly
2:30pm - 2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45pm - 4:00pm	<u>Parent Workshop: "Advocacy for Parents: Creating Content and Developing Stories to Educate, Advocate, and Inspire"</u> Jennifer Calery, Owner, <i>Bella Vita Group</i> This session will share real life examples of storytelling that strategically and innovatively engage attendees to listen and share. The presenter will share her knowledge and expertise so that participants are positioned to put a face to the work they are doing to better connect with members of their community, influencers, and elected officials.	Robinson's Folly



Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:15am - 8:15am	BREAKFAST	Summit Room
8:30am - 9:00am	<u>Welcome</u> Kevin Carnes, President, <i>Lakeshore Learning Materials</i>	Cypress Room
9:00am - 10:15am	<u>Head Start Language Playbook</u> Tommy Sheridan, Senior Director of Government Affairs, <i>National Head Start Association</i>	Cypress Room
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK	
10:30am - 12:00pm	<u>Director and Staff Networking:</u> Pat Sargent, GSRP Manager, <i>Office of Great Start</i> An open discussion of new developments for the GSRP program.	Sugarloaf Room
10:30am - 12:00pm	<u>Parent Workshop: "Making Time for Self Care"</u> Bethany Parent, Head Start Policy Council State Representative, NMCAA Stacey Parent, M.A.ed, PFCE and Mental Health Manager, NMCAA What is self-care? Self-care can vary for each of us. When we give ourselves the gifts of self-care and compassion, we improve our health, resiliency and relationships! Resiliency makes it easier for us to get through life and difficult situations from the past or present. We can 'bounce forward!' We will share in laughter, discussion and mindful practices, while we honor the positive affect that self-care has for our families and the world.	Robinson's Folly

MHSA Featured Speakers

Yasmina Vinci, Executive Director, *National Head Start Association*

A seasoned leader in both executive and policy roles, Yasmina Vinci's professional experience and capabilities have delivered improvements in the lives of children at the national, state, and local levels. Yasmina joined the National Head Start Association after several years as principal and founder of EDGE Consulting Partners. She founded EDGE after receiving her Master in Public Administration degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Yasmina began her career as the Executive Director of an inner city child care center and was the Manager of Special Projects in the New Jersey Department of Human Services, where she managed the Dependent Care Grant, coordinated the development of New Jersey's initial plan for the implementation of the Child Care & Development Block Grant, and supervised research, immunization and Head Start-related projects.



Tommy Sheridan, Senior Director of Government Affairs, *National Head Start Association*

Tommy Sheridan is the Senior Director of Government Affairs for the National Head Start Association (NHSA) in Alexandria, VA. He came to NHSA in June 2009 and has been in his current role since 2019. In this role, Tommy works with the Head Start community to lobby, advocate, educate, and inform Congress, the White House, and the Federal Administration about Head Start and early learning. Tommy is NHSA's representative to Congress, the Administration, and national coalitions and organizations. He also plays a significant role in developing, strategizing, coordinating and implementing the Head Start community's vision for the future of early learning. Prior to his career at NHSA, Tommy worked in the Minnesota State Senate, on several political campaigns. Tommy received an Honors Bachelor of Arts from Saint Louis University and will complete his Masters of Public Administration degree in the summer of 2014 at the George Washington University.



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