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## MAY 2008 Update

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### Federal Supplemental Spending Plan

House leadership announced the mid-year War Supplemental Spending Plan on May 8, 2008. Along with supplemental spending for the Iraq and Afghanistan war, funds for veteran's benefits and related projects, the spending plan targeted a few domestic priorities such as child care and prisons. Head Start was not included. The President is threatening a veto of this supplemental spending plan.

### Federal Fiscal Year 09 Appropriations

In February 2008, the Administration marked \$148m increase in FY09 for Head Start. The Senate and House Budget Committees marked \$300m increase in FY09 for Head Start. It is estimated to meet inflation, Head Start needs \$242m. Given the tenor of the national election, it is anticipated that Congress will not pass a spending plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 (10/01/08). Instead it is rumored that federal programs will continue to operate at FY09 level (reminder for Head Start – this is \$10.6m less than FY07). The new Head Start Act allows for programs to negotiate with the regional offices to reduce the number of children served with certain budget conditions. It is estimated by the Bush Administration that over 14,000 fewer children will be served in FFY09.

National Head Start Association has established an appropriations goal of \$842m for FY09. CHSA has been reaching out to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee to articulate the impact of ongoing cuts to our children and families. Combined with the turn down in the economy, reduced access to health and social services resulting from State budget cuts, and inflation pressure of every-day expenses, these can be very difficult times for low income families.

### Spring Cluster Meeting on Head Start & State Collaboration

**May 6<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> (Seven Locations) For registration information:** go to [caheadstart.org](http://caheadstart.org) and follow the Conference & Trainings link.

Head Start 2007 reauthorization act ushers in a new era for grantees and our state child development partners. In addition, state education reform agendas from the Governors Office to local communities are calling for a review of the early education systems and economic investment to narrow the achievement gap in our service areas.

Please join the Board of the California Head Start Association, California Head Start State Collaboration Office and special guests to review emerging challenges and opportunities. In

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addition to the policy discussion, deeper discussions will be facilitated in the areas of Community Care Licensing, Workforce Development and Head Start & State Child Development Fiscal Strategies. Spring Cluster Meetings on Head Start & State Collaboration are funded by a grant from the David & Lucile Packard Foundation.

### **Community Care Licensing Head Start Roundtable**

In collaboration with the California Head Start State Collaboration Office, California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, Region IX Office of Head Start, and Region IX TA Network we are pleased to present this series of Roundtables in June 2008. To ensure broad participation, we have selected 3 key locations; Sacramento, Los Angeles and Oakland. We are pleased to bring forward this opportunity to explore Community Care Licensing regulations and expectations of our agencies. The health and safety of children is a fundamental objective to all Head Start and Early Head Start programs. During this one-day discussion presentations will be made by senior management from Community Care Licensing and Region IX Office of Head Start, local panels on best practices, as well as a review of systems management related to the health and safety of children. Time will be provided for networking and Q & A.

- June 5, Sacramento
- June 9 Los Angeles
- June 10, Oakland

Registration Deadline – June 1, 2008 – Register on-line: go to [caheadstart.org](http://caheadstart.org) and follow the Conference & Trainings link.

### **Summer Health Institute, Mission Inn Hotel & Spa June 17 & 18, 2008 - Riverside, CA**

The California Head Start Association invites you to attend our Summer Health Institute at Mission Inn Hotel and Spa Riverside, CA on June 17th and 18th. Our theme for this year's Summer Health Institute is *Head Start...Opening Doors for a Healthier Tomorrow*. Participants will be afforded a number of opportunities to learn about effective strategies toward better health for children and families in the Head Start program. This Institute is targeted toward line staff, management and community partners providing health services to Head Start families and children (Birth - 5). Go to the CHSA web site to learn more about keynotes, breakout sessions and special events during the SHI.

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### **Summer Manager & Director Institute July 30 & 31, 2008 – San Francisco Airport, Westin Hotel**

This institute is targeted to serve the needs of directors, program managers and specialists involved in all content areas including Fiscal Services, Facilities Development, Monitoring, Governance and Employment Relations. Time will be afforded within the Institute for networking, keynotes and updates from our regulatory partners. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with senior managers and directors from all over California.

We are pleased to announce our keynote for the SMDI – **Ms. Robin Denise Johnson** - Dr. Robin Johnson, founder of EQUEST, Inc. is a Harvard Business School trained Ph.D., and wrote an award-winning dissertation on diversity, work-life balance and empowerment. Dr. Johnson has been an executive educator, mentor, and author in leadership development for women, LGBT and African-American managers for over 20 years. She works with individuals, corporations, non-profits and entrepreneurs to help them enhance their effectiveness and empowerment in our multicultural world. Her presentation will be Dance of Leadership.

Registration information coming soon! To reserve your room at the Westin call (650) 692-3500 or go to [caheadstart.org](http://caheadstart.org), follow the Conference & Trainings link to the Summer Manager & Director Institute section and look for the *Westin Room Reservations* link.

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