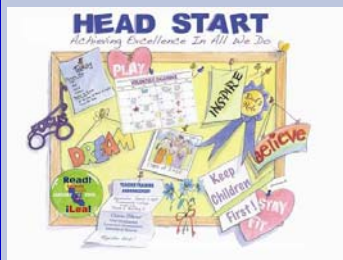


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New attitude: Obama vows change, agency by agency

By The Associated Press

President-elect Barack Obama has vowed to reverse or sharply modify many of the Bush administration's policies. Based on his campaign promises, these are key areas where changes are expected.

Obama has pledged to overhaul President Bush's No Child Left Behind education law. He says it emphasizes annual test scores in reading and math too heavily at the expense of subjects such as music and art and is too punitive toward struggling schools. Yet it's unclear how much of the law Obama would undo. His advisers include supporters as well as opponents of the law, and Obama's campaign said he would not dump the testing requirements at the heart of No Child Left Behind. Obama supports universal pre-kindergarten. He would help students pay for college with \$4,000 tax credits in exchange for community service. However, paying for such efforts, estimated to cost \$19 billion, may prove difficult. Obama has also said he likes the controversial idea of tying teachers' pay raises to student performance, but only if teachers negotiate the arrangement and it's not based solely on test scores.

[Read the full article:](#)

http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hb4VSW_RxAkCe556vPRT3EwzggHQD948TE601

Change for America - A Progressive Blue Print

a six-part effort by Center for American Progress Action Fund and New Democracy Project to provide the new administration with support and advice - [Read Department of Health and Human Services](#) by Olivia A. Golden and Joan Lombardi

Link: <http://caheadstart.org/ImprovingServicesforChildrenandFamilies.pdf>



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2009 CHSA Awards

Deadline - Dec. 5, 2008

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Awards will be presented January 28, 2009 in San Diego.

- Administrator of the Year
- Teacher of the Year
- Support Staff of the Year
- Parent of the Year
- Friend of the Year
- Achieving Excellence Award for 2009

Download your copy of the nominations form at:
<http://caheadstart.org/CHSAAwardLetter09.pdf>

Head Start and AB 1433, the California Kindergarten Dental Check-up Law

Revised assessment form available at www.cda.org

The 2008-09 school year brings California into its third year of AB 1433, the law requiring kindergarten children and first time first graders to receive a dental check up during their first year of public school. Because the law allows the requirement to be fulfilled by any dental check-up the child receives within the 12 months prior to entering public school, Head Start programs can play an important role in helping parents comply with this new requirement.

Head Start programs may have not recognized the opportunity for this partnership, thinking that the new law requires only a dental screening and Head Start programs require a full dental examination. In fact, the state-required assessment form is not intended to define the service provided to the child (dental examination vs. dental screening). It is important to realize that the data that is required to be reported is often only a subset of that captured by the service provided.

Head Start programs, as an essential link between low-income families and the educational system, are encouraged to inform their parents about this new requirement. Additionally, programs are encouraged to integrate completion of the state-required form into the existing process for children who receive a dental examination the year before they enter kindergarten.

In January 2008, the required assessment form was revised to make it more user friendly - reducing the assessment form to one page and defining the treatment urgency categories more clearly. In addition, the new form requires the license number of the dental professional who completes the form. This form can be downloaded from the California Dental Association web site at www.cda.org in the following languages: English, Arabic, Armenian (Eastern and

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Western), Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalong and Vietnamese.

The California Dental Association, the sponsor of AB 1433, is committed to working with advocates in education and health to improve the oral health of California's children. If you have suggestions or questions about AB 1433, please contact Gayle Mathe, CDA Manager of Policy Development at

1.800.232.7645, ext. 4995 or e-mail gayle.mathe@cda.org.

For more detailed information and the required assessment form, visit: [Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement](#)

http://www.cda.org/advocacy_&_the_law/legislation/kindergarten_oral_health_requirement



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Membership in California Head Start Association

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Literacy Kit

American Academy of Pediatrics

[Visit the toolkit : http://www.aap.org/literacy/](http://www.aap.org/literacy/)

This updated Literacy Toolkit is an interactive web-based resource designed to help health professionals encourage all parents to read with their children. The site is meant to introduce a wide variety of strategies and tools to support the mission of promoting child development and future school success. There are evidence based tips for parents available in a variety of languages for parents of all reading levels, posters, book lists for a variety of ages and topics, and links to many helpful resources. Many of these resources can easily be adapted for use by early childhood professionals. Visit the toolkit at www.aap.org/literacy.

2009 Child Care and Development State Budget Policy Workshops

Presented by On The Capitol Doorstep, CDPI and Children's Defense Fund

[Registration Form: http://www.otcdkids.com/Budget.html](http://www.otcdkids.com/Budget.html)

For 20 years, OTCD and CDPI have been providing overviews of political issues and California state budgets through our annual Budget Workshops. We are again partnering with the Children's Defense Fund California to offer you the most current information.

Sacramento - Thursday, January 22, 2009
Oakland - Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Los Angeles - Thursday, January 29, 2009
San Diego - Friday, January 30, 2009

Head Start Healthy Marriage Newsletter

November 2008



November's issue features a California program at Hope Street Family Center. Affiliated with one of the largest birthing centers in the country, [the] Head Start grantee Hope Street Family Center is a public-private partnership that provides services to nearly 500,000 young children and families living in innercity Los Angeles.

[Head Start Healthy Marriage Newsletter Series](#) – visit:

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Family%20and%20Community%20Partnerships/Healthy%20Marriage%20Initiative/Head%20Start%20Healthy%20Marriage%20Newsletter%20Series/NovemberHeadSta.htm>

Research suggests that children who grow up in healthy, married, two-parent families do better than those who do not. Head Start staff can use the Healthy Marriage Initiative to address the specific and unique strategies that will enhance parent-parent and parent-child relationships.

Head Start Reauthorization

UPDATE

The Office of Head Start's regulatory agenda for 2008 is moving quickly to implement a number of The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Head Start's reauthorization). To support Head Start communities active engagement and understanding, CHSA has created a new web page to provide links and resource tools. Go to caheadstart.org/regulations to learn more.

[ECLKC Head Start Reauthorization Information:](#)

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/Head%20Start%20Act/2007HeadStartA.htm>

The National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices is pleased to share the latest issue of Bright Futures. Included in this issue are highlights of 12 states that have received grants to support the development of an Early Childhood Advisory Council, and announcements of state early childhood system developments and recent publications. State Advisory Council are called for in Head Start's reauthorization 2007. California has not moved forward in this area, but other states are forming councils in 2009. Read More in NGA's Bright Futures.

[NGA Bright Futures - Advisory Councils:](#)

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