



California Head Start Association
Region IX Head Start Association
National Head Start Association

Edward Zigler Western Research Institute
EXTENDED DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9, 2009
CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

Research and Head Start-Focusing on Birth to Age Five

The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 encourages a greater inquiry by Head Start practitioners into research supporting effective practices with our children and families. With this idea in mind, the California Head Start Association is partnering with the Region IX Head Start Association and the National Head Start Association in hosting a one-day Research Institute on February 2, 2010 at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach, California. The goal of Edward Zigler Western Research Institute is to provide practitioners and researchers with research findings that can be used to improve best practices and programming in Head Start and Early Head Start programs. We invite researchers to present results related to early childhood education, family development, and community collaborations.

Presentations on cutting-edge research topics will be moderated and will consist of 30 minute presentations followed by brief question and answer periods. Related topics will be grouped together to form topical sessions that will be of great interest to practitioners. Attendees will be Head Start and Early Head Start Directors, Education Managers/Coordinators, policymakers, and other child development preschool providers. Our goal is to emphasize how practitioners can use research evidence in local program operations.

Research Content Priorities

Based upon feedback from the Head Start Community, our research content priorities are on the following topics:

- Dual language learners
- Child assessment
- Collaboration models for Head Start, Early Head Start, state-funded pre-k, and/or child care programs
- Early math
- Emerging issues in childhood education
- Health and nutrition
- Home visitation services
- Parent training and involvement
- Challenging Behaviors
- Transitioning children into and out of Early Head Start and Head Start
- Workforce development

Institute Submission Details

The research institute proposals should include the following areas and be no longer than 3 pages: relevance of purpose and research question(s) of interest to the Head Start community, theoretical context, methodology, analyses procedures, conclusions, and most importantly practical applications to Head Start and Early Head Start Programs in California. Please include your name, title, bio/vitae and affiliation along with all current contact information. We welcome student research as well as studies completed by faculty or other researchers.

Submission Deadline and Timetable

EXTENDED DEADLINE DECEMBER 9, 2009
E-mail notification by December 18, 2009

Please submit all documents to: Christina Hake at christinah@caheadstart.org