

# Parents! Participate in our Board.

## WHY JOIN OUR BOARD?

- ▶ Learn more about Head Start resources
- ▶ Engage with Head Start leaders around the state
- ▶ Represent your local program
- ▶ Be the voice for Head Start Parents
- ▶ Advocate for Head Start at state and federal levels
- ▶ Feel connected to the larger Head Start community
- ▶ Gain experience to enhance your career skills
- ▶ Build your resume and expand your resume references
- ▶ Meet people who believe in the Head Start mission
- ▶ Be a lifelong learner and have fun
- ▶ Option to travel around the state for meetings



## ABOUT HEAD START.

Head Start is a national child development program for children from birth to age 5, which provides services to promote academic, social and emotional development for income-eligible Families.

- ▶ 17,000+ children in Virginia, and their families
- ▶ 4000+ Head Start Employees

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn Ault at [dault@Headstartva.org](mailto:dault@Headstartva.org)

## What will you do?

### TOPICS YOU WILL BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION

- ▶ **Planning:** Sets strategic direction through short and long-term goals and monitoring the progress.
- ▶ **Governance:** Reviews VAHSA bylaws, financial policies, investment management, and legal compliance.
- ▶ **Budget Oversight:** Approve, monitor, and evaluate our budgets and requests changes be made as necessary.
- ▶ **Be a voice for Virginia Head Start:** Help communicate what is needed in your community to the board and how VAHSA can support those concerns.

## What's expected/your commitment?

- ▶ Regular attendance at all Board Meetings and important events.
- ▶ Attend quarterly Board Meetings on Zoom with opportunities to attend one in-person board meeting mid-June at Virginia Beach, and one in person meeting at the late October Annual Conference location, which changes in the state each year.
- ▶ Join a committee: Finance/Governance committee or the Events and Scholarships Committee.
- ▶ The term of office for members of the Board is two years. Individuals may be elected to no more than two consecutive terms.