

Missouri Head Start Association Outstanding Community Partnerships & Collaborations

Head Start serves families within the context of the community and recognizes that many other agencies and groups work with the same families. It is the responsibility of grantee and delegate agencies to collaborate with partners in their communities in order to provide the highest level of services to children and families, to foster the development of a continuum of family centered services, and to advocate for a community that shares responsibility for the healthy development of children and families of all cultures.

The Missouri Head Start Association is pleased to announce the 2008 Outstanding Community Partnerships & Collaboration Recognition in appreciation of deserving partners for exceptional services to Head Start. The Association is requesting that each grantee and delegate agency submit one outstanding partnership to be recognized at the MHSA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. It is the responsibility of each grantee and delegate to make their selection based on the following criteria established by the Association.

Program Profile:

Grantee/Delegate Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Collaborating Organization

List partnering organization and/or agency:

Description of Partnership/Collaboration

Please describe in detail your collaboration efforts, identifying the collaboration's unique purpose, defined goals, membership structure, avenues used to maintain continuous dialogue, and resources shared.

Unique Purpose: (What did we want to achieve? A distinct purpose that is different from, but clearly connected to the individual missions of the participating organizations.)

Goals: (Define achievable, measurable and realistic goals)

Membership: (Describe the leadership skills, the group's diversity, expectations and commitment)

Dialogue: (Describe avenues used to ensure continuous communication. i.e. meetings, conferences, conflicts, resolutions, etc.)

Resources: (List resources needed to carry out the collaborative effort. i.e. staff, budget sharing, grants, fundraising campaigns, etc.)

Impact on the Community, Children & Families, and Your Program

Describe how this partnership/collaboration impacted the community as a whole. (i.e. eliminated duplication of services, supports the overall philosophy of Head Start, etc.)

Describe how this collaboration impacted Head Start children and families. (i.e. continuity of care, enhancement or expansion of services, etc.)

Describe how this collaboration impacted your program (i.e. effective use of funds, staff sharing, etc.)

Replication

Is this collaboration effort replicable? If yes, please list the first 5 critical steps needing to be taken to replicate.

Step 1. _____

Step 2. _____

Step 3. _____

Step 4. _____

Step 5. _____

Additional Information
