



A national campaign from the
Office of Head Start



#HeadStartHeals Campaign

Head Start Heals Office Hours: Family Engagement and Child Welfare

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3:00- 4:00 pm EST**

*Promoting empathy through trauma-informed and
healing focused practices*

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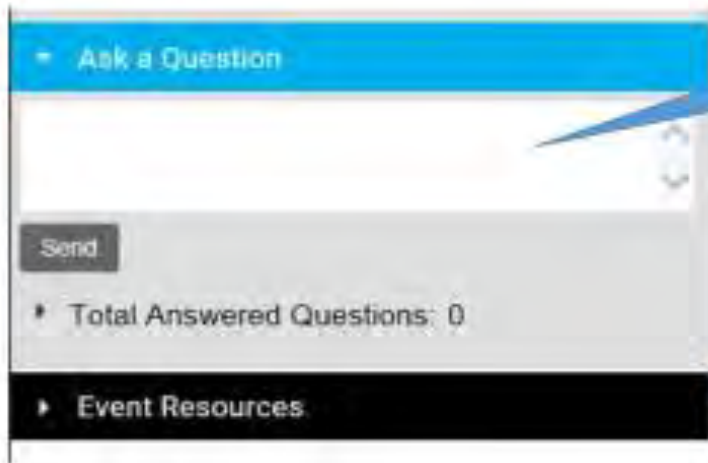


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Welcome



Please use the left side bar to ask questions, submit comments, or download handouts



Ask your questions and submit your comments here

Download handouts from Event Resources



What types of activities do you engage in with your local child welfare agency(ies)?

- We receive mandated reporter training.
- We deliver joint training presentations about each of our agencies work.
- We coordinate enrollment for children in foster care.
- We co-locate child welfare staff and/or HS/EHS staff in our offices.
- We have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between our agency and our child welfare office.
- Nothing at this time.
- I'm not sure



Head Start Policy & Regulations

Head Start Act

The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 authorizes the Head Start program to promote the school readiness of low-income infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

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Head Start Program Performance Standards

HHS has made the first holistic revision and complete reorganization of the Performance Standards since they were originally published in 1975. Effective starting November 2016.

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Information Memoranda (IMs)

IMs are targeted communication tools from OHS which provide policy information to Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.

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<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/im/acf-im-hs-15-04>

National Hotlines



- Childhelp **National Child Abuse** Hotline is 1-800-4A-CHILD (422-4453)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) **Indian Country Child Abuse** Hotline is 1-800-633-5155
- National **Parent Helpline** for Parent Support any time at 1-855-4A PARENT (1-855-427-2736)
- The National **Domestic Violence** Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE
- **StrongHearts Native Helpline** at 1-844-7NATIVE (762- 8483)
- SAMHSA's [Disaster Distress Helpline](https://www.samhsa.gov/2k19/disaster-distress-helpline) (1-800-985-5990) or the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://www.suicidalifeline.org/) (1-800-273-TALK).

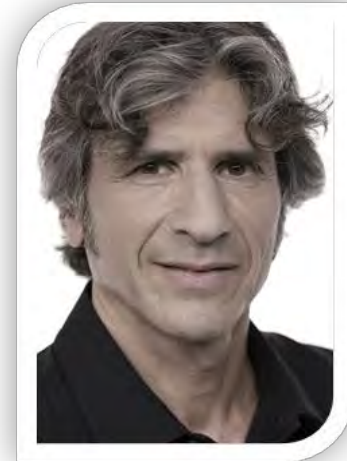
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Know your local laws...



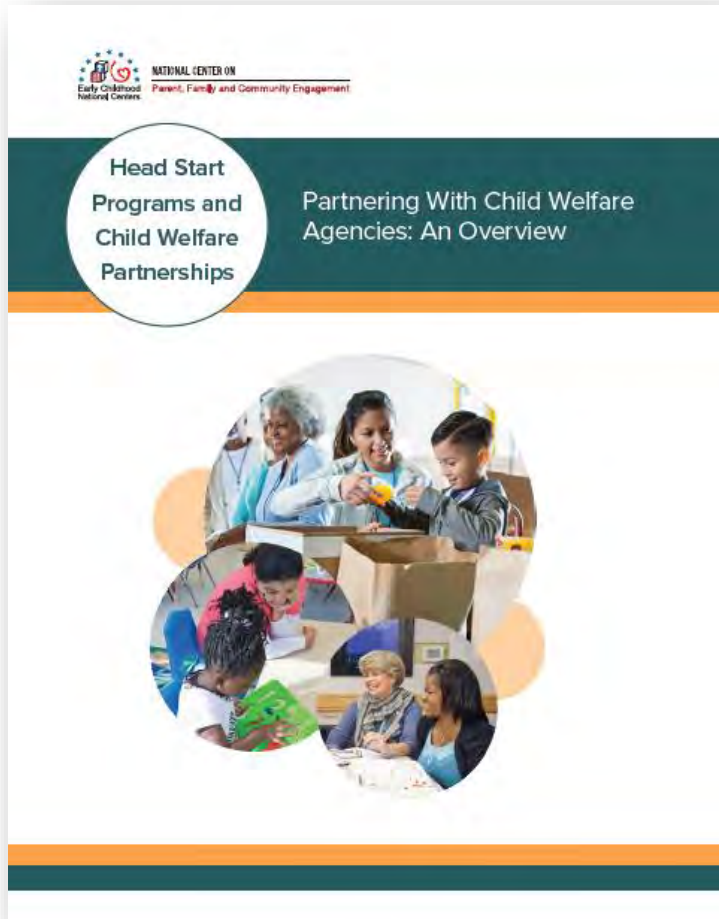
State, tribe, and territory laws may vary in a number of ways.



To see how your state addresses this issue, visit the State Laws on Child Abuse and Neglect page of the Child Welfare Information Gateway website.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/can/>

Commonly Asked Questions



What is the child welfare system and what does it provide?

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/partnering-child-welfare-agencies-overview>

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I have concerns about a family, but, they won't share with me what is going on. How do I connect with them in a way that might open the conversation?



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What do I do if I hear or see things I am concerned about related to child abuse and/or neglect?

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/engaging-families-when-there-child-welfare-involvement>

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What are some of the ways I can sustain my relationship with families after filing a mandated report?



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What is out-of-home care and how can I support families of children who are placed in out-of-home care?

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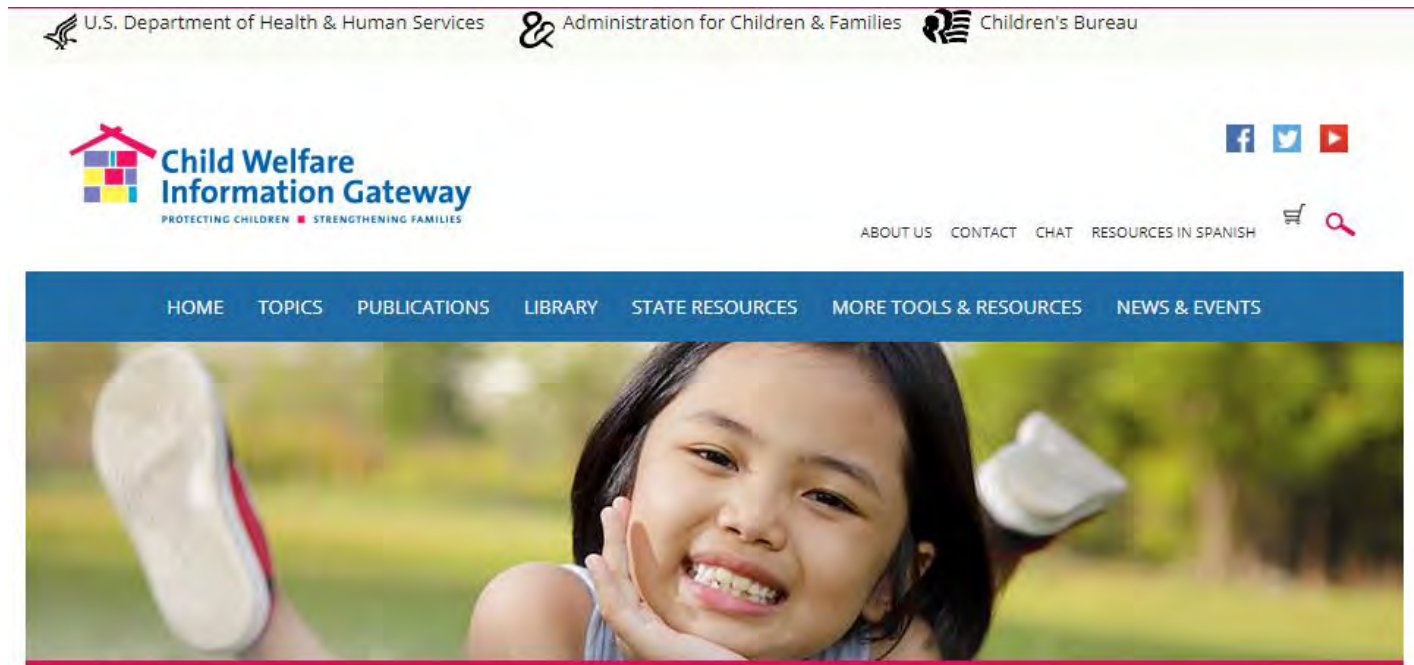
How can I make sure that my own personal biases or judgements don't get in the way of honoring families who are involved in the child welfare system?



Commonly Asked Questions



Are there any changes in the way that child welfare agencies are operating during COVID-19?



https://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dspList&rolType=Custom&RS_ID=177&rList=ROL

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Where can I learn more about strategies for partnering with child welfare agencies?

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/event/community-partnerships-child-welfare>

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Communities

- ❑ Open communities including: **Mental Health, Opioid Misuse and Substance Use Disorders; Staff Wellness; PFCE Deepening Practice**
- ❑ Knowledge base - Q&A, Forums, Polling, File sharing, Calendars, Events, Tasks, Wikis
- ❑ Communication tools – Group Chat, Instant Message, and internal email
- ❑ Robust search engine
- ❑ Social Network style feeds



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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

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Webinars:

6/11, 3–4 p.m. ET – Preparing for
Challenging Conversations with Families

Office Hours:

6/30, 3-4 p.m. ET – Behavior Has Meaning

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Explore What's New



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Check-In

Days Head Start and Early Childhood Learning Supporting children and families during the coronavirus disease 2019.



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