

# Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project NEWSLETTER



*Strengthening Healthy Start to support family health and well-being*

## TA & Support Center News & Updates

### **Spanish Healthy Start Data Collection Forms**

The Spanish translations of the Healthy Start Data Collection forms are [now available on the EPIC website](#). The Healthy Start TA & Support Center would like to thank the Puerto Rico Healthy Start staff for their support in vetting the translations.

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### ***Introduction to the Healthy Start Mentoring Program Webinar***

Join the Healthy Start TA & Support Center for the *Introduction to the Healthy Start Mentoring Program* webinar on **Tuesday, June 16 from 2-3 p.m. EST**. [Click here to register for the Intro to Healthy Start Mentoring Program webinar](#).

We will hear from Deborah Frazier, CEO of the National Healthy Start Association (NHSA), and Sheree Keitt, DrPH, MPH, CHES, Senior Program Manager at NHSA. NHSA is the membership association for the Healthy Start Program and is NICHQ's lead partner in the Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project. The webinar will provide an introduction to the Healthy Start Mentoring Program, which will allow existing Healthy Start programs to mentor and provide guidance to newer programs over a six-month period. After this webinar, participants will be invited to submit an application to become a mentor.

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### **COVID-19 Consumer Listening Session**

The Healthy Start TA & Support Center is holding a listening session to learn about the COVID-19 related challenges consumers/participants are facing. This conversation will be held on **Wednesday, June 17 from 2-3 p.m. EST** and will be facilitated by Tamela Milan, MPPA. Tamela is a member of the Healthy Start Faculty Planning Committee and is a Maternal and Child Health Outreach Worker at Access Community Health Network. We are particularly interested in hearing from consumers/participants, case managers, care coordinators, and community health workers.

Please share this announcement and encourage your staff and consumers/participants to [register here](#) to help us elevate their voices and shine a light on the issues they are experiencing on a daily basis!

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### **24/7 Dads Training**

Join the Healthy Start TA & Support Center for the *24/7 Dads Training* webinar on **Thursday, June 18 from 12-5 p.m. EST** with an hour break at 2 p.m. [Click here to register for the 24/7 Dads Training webinar.](#)

We will hear from Erik Vecere, Vice President of Program Support at the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI). NFI is a nonprofit founded in 1994 to end father absence by equipping organizations and communities to intentionally and proactively engage fathers in their children's lives. The webinar will provide a full certification training in the 24/7 Dads Curriculum. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the training. Please note, all participants will be required to purchase a 24/7 Dad® Complete Program Kit. [The registration form](#) includes questions that will help determine whether you need to purchase curriculum. Based on your responses, FatherSource Director Jacquie Hannan will contact you to coordinate your purchase.

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### **Funding Opportunities from the Administration for Children & Families (ACF)**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) recently announced the following three funding opportunities. The application deadline for each opportunity is July 1, 2020.

**[Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life \(READY4Life\)](#)**: targeted exclusively to youth, for projects designed to support healthy relationships and marriage, including the value of marriage in future family formation and skills-based healthy relationship and marriage education.

**[Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential \(FIRE\)](#)**: targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult fathers, defined as fathers that are age 18 and older.

**[Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults \(FRAMEWorks\)](#)**: targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult individuals or adult couples, defined as persons who are age 18 and older

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### **Take #HealthyStartStrong to Social Media**

During this difficult time, we want to uplift the resilience of Healthy Start communities by inviting you to share updates about your work on social media. NICHQ has created [three images](#) for you to pair with posts describing bright spots from your work – this could be a short story about a recent accomplishment or simply a description of your mission with a link to your website. Use the hashtag #HealthyStartStrong so we can build collective momentum and include @NICHQ so we can like and reshare your post. Let's spread the word that we are #HealthyStartStrong.

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**Hosting or attending an exciting event or webinar?**

We will use the EPIC Center [Training Calendar](#) to share information about events specifically planned for Healthy Start projects, as well as other relevant webinars, trainings, and other events that are open to the public. If you know of events or trainings that you think other Healthy Start projects should be aware of, please feel free to send information to [healthystart@nichq.org](mailto:healthystart@nichq.org).

Have questions? Either respond to this email or contact the sender on [healthystart@nichq.org](mailto:healthystart@nichq.org)

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