

Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project NEWSLETTER



Tagline Coming Soon!

A Greeting from Kenn Harris, SHSPP Project Director

Greetings, Healthy Start Grantees:

The Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project (SHSPP) Team here at the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) is excited to work with you over the next five years to provide technical support and capacity building assistance.

I am happy to lead the team as the Project Director but more excited to think about the partnership that we will build together. Your SHSPP team is committed to delivering a high level of support that effectively aids your work to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes. The grants that each of you received also have a provision to include the fathers of Healthy Start participants. In a way, this positions us as a maternal and child health program that will be able to tell a story that illustrates a broader picture of families! We know that we will learn much from you and we hope that we successfully facilitate many opportunities for you to learn from each other.

We are also excited to partner with Deborah Frazier, CEO of the National Healthy Start Association. She and NICHQ CEO Scott D. Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP, will serve as the principal investigators on this grant, providing leadership from two organizations that understand the breadth of the work that Healthy Start programs do across the country. We are excited to embark on this journey with you and we are thrilled to begin it with the introduction of this newsletter! Enjoy!

Best,
Kenn Harris



Vote for a Tagline!

We're really excited to spend the next five years building a partnership with you. That's why we're asking you for your help in choosing a tagline that fits who we are as the Healthy Start team! Click the button to vote by Monday, August 26, and choose the tagline that best represents what inspires you and fuels your work on behalf of children and families.

Vote now!



Healthy Start EPIC Center

The SHSPP team at NICHQ is working to update and improve the [EPIC Center](#), a hub for training and technical assistance for all Healthy Start grantees. Be sure to check out all the resources that are available to Healthy Start teams nationwide!

News and Upcoming Events

Next week!

Kick-Off Webinar: Meet the New Healthy Start TA Center

On **Tuesday, August 27, from 1-2 pm ET**, NICHQ and our partners at NHSA will host a kick-off webinar to introduce the TA Center team. We'll share an overview of our plans for the short and long term to support all Healthy Start programs with TA and trainings.

Recommended Participants: Project Directors encouraged; all are welcome. If you are unable to attend live, this call will be recorded and shared on the EPIC Center website.

Agenda:

- Welcome from the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services
- Introductions: NICHQ & NHSA
- Our Approach to Supporting Healthy Start
- TA Request Process
- Q&A

We look forward to our first opportunity to virtually meet you! Register for this webinar [here](#).

Webinar: Moving the Needle on Health Equity: Two Experts Share Successful Programs and Lessons Learned

Wednesday, August 21, from 1-2 pm ET: Poverty, implicit bias, racism—these are just some of the preventable social factors that contribute to persistent, unjust inequities in health outcomes for children and families. This spring, NICHQ launched a series of webinars to support individuals who are pursuing equity within the health system. Our first webinar, Pursuing Health Equity: Start Where You Are, focused on what individuals can do to pursue change.

Now, we're taking the next step and highlighting strategies children's health programs and organizations can take to move the needle towards health equity. This second webinar in our Health Equity Series will share experiences from two health equity champions: Arthur R. James, MD, an obstetrician, gynecologist and pediatrician who has sought to improve care for underserved populations for the entirety of his medical career; and Denise Evans, MM, MA, a certified facilitator on cultural intelligence and unconscious bias.

Together, they will provide insights on:

- Successful programs that have addressed health equity
- Lessons learned about what led to those programs' successes
- Strategies that programs and organizations can use to champion health equity in their work

NICHQ and the National Healthy Start Association Partner to Provide Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Assistance to Healthy Start Grant Recipients

For nearly 30 years, Healthy Start has helped improve the health of moms, babies, and families across the country by strengthening communities and improving systems of community care. The National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) and the subcontractor, the National Healthy Start Association (NHSA), are proud to announce that they have been selected by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to lead the Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project. You can learn more about this project [here](#).

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