

Dennis L. Pearson has a strong passion and a deep appreciation for Head Start and is enthusiastic about serving on the IHSA Board of Directors. He looks forward to making a meaningful difference in the lives of the Head Start staff, children and families in Illinois. Dennis is currently the Director of ERBA Head Start. He has a deep commitment to Head Start and ensuring that it meets the needs of the children and families in the community. Prior to his directorship, he served as the Mental Health Consultant for the program.

Dennis holds a Bachelor's degree in General Studies with a concentration in Political Science and a minor in Pre-law. During his undergraduate studies, he developed a keen interest in politics and its impact on society. After completing his Bachelor's degree, Dennis pursued a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. This decision stemmed from his desire to make a positive difference in people's lives and provide support to those struggling with mental health issues.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Dennis resides in Charleston with his wife Rita and their two sons, Alex and Andrew. He values family time and cherishes moments spent together. In his leisure time, Dennis enjoys tinkering around the house, engaging in home improvement projects, playing golf, and pursuing various hobbies that allow him to relax and unwind.

