



## NNWO Executive Director Delivers Opening Remarks at National Indian Head Start Policy Institute



*Director Redhouse gives opening remarks at first ever National Indian Head Start Directors Association Policy Institute conference. Source: NNWO.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, October 20, 2025, NNWO Executive Director Vince Redhouse delivered the opening remarks at the first ever National Indian Head Start Directors Association Policy Institute conference. The conference brought together over 100 Tribal Head Start directors and staff from across Indian Country to collaborate and strategize on their advocacy before hitting the halls of Congress to raise awareness on the needs of their programs.

Some of the key issues and recommendations of the Institute included: changing degree requirements that limit hiring and retention, allowing tribes to certify their own teaching staff, increasing funding to staff to maintain competitiveness with state schools.

During his remarks, Director Redhouse provided guidance on how to effectively advocate to both Democrats and Republicans through recent examples of successful advocacy for the Navajo Nation. Mr. Redhouse also reiterated that the Navajo Nation is the only tribe to have a permanent presence in Washington, D.C.—as required by the Nation’s Code—

and that is his responsibility to make sure that NNWO remains accessible to all of Indian Country.