MASSACHUSETTS
HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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2026

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHO SHOULD ATTEND	PRICING	REGISTRATION
Monitoring Cohort Winter/Spring	February 9 - April 6	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Virtual	Monitoring Discussion Series with Mal Hughes, federal monitoring reviewer consultant (former Massachusetts Director and MHSA Chair, former review lead). Programs who have recently completed a review are encouraged to join us and share their experience. The cohort begins on February 9, 2026, with two additional monthly check-ins on March 9 and April 6. Programs who have recently been reviewed or have participated in our Fall cohort are also welcome to join us for free.	Programs anticipating monitoring	$30/member program	Register Here
Head Start Advocacy Day	February 10	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Massachusetts State House, Boston	Join Head Start staff, parents, advocates, and legislators to show your support for Head Start in Massachusetts and advocate for your Head Start program! Deliver Valentines to your legislators and tell them about the impacts of Head Start in your community.	All Head Start staff, parents, advocates, and partners	FREE	Register Here
New Leaders Institute	February 11	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4-Part Virtual Series	Join former Region 1 Regional Program Director, Marina Winkler, for a 4-part virtual New Leaders Institute diving into all elements of Head Start program management and operations. Sessions include: Head Start Landscape and Structure, Fiscal Requirements, Management Systems and Leadership, and Monitoring, Data and Storytelling.	Head Start Directors, Associate/Deputy Directors, Agency CEOs, CFOs, Board members, etc. in their first 3 years or those who want a refresher!	FREE/Member $200/non-member	Register Here
The Power of Attention: Evidence-Based Strategies for Behavior Change	March 3	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Webinar	Challenging behaviors are a common concern in early childhood and often lead to high levels of educator and parent stress. These behaviors can seem unpredictable and unmanageable, leading educators and parents to feel frustrated, overwhelmed, and ineffective. Research shows that behavior management tools can reduce challenging behaviors, improve children's mental health, and support children in developing emotional regulation skills. This workshop will address the use of planned, positive interactions and differential attention as foundational strategies for behavior change.	Educators, Home Visitors, Family Service Providers, or anyone working directly with children	$60/Members $75/Non-Members	Register Here

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MHSA Summit	May 14	TBD	New England Botanic Garden	Save the date for an in-person summit at the tranquil New England Botanic Garden	All Head Start staff		Registration Coming Soon
MHSA Annual Conference Day 1	October 29	TBD	enVision Hotel Mansfield-Foxborough	All staff and Head Start parents are invited to join us for day 2.	Head Start leadership teams		Registration Coming Soon
MHSA Annual Conference Day 2	October 30	TBD	enVision Hotel Mansfield-Foxborough	All staff and Head Start parents are invited to join us for day 2.	All Head Start staff, parents		Registration Coming Soon