

REGION IV TTA CONNECTION



Head Start Regional TTA Network

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HEAD START COACHING COMPANION



The [Head Start Coaching Companion | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/coaching-companion) is a video-sharing and coaching-feedback application for early care and education staff and providers. It helps coaches, coachees, and peer-coaching teams work together, even between coach visits or from a distance. Share video files, ask questions, exchange feedback, and develop individualized coaching plans that support quality teaching and positive outcomes for young children. Read more here: [How to Connect the Head Start Coaching Companion to Practice-Based Coaching \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/coaching-companion)

AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Vaccines can protect young child from 14 dangerous diseases. Diseases that vaccines can prevent could be very serious. Read and share this tip sheet to learn more about protecting children with vaccines. [Protect Your Child with Vaccines | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/protect-your-child-with-vaccines) and a pdf version for easy printing can be found here: [Young Children and Vaccines: Protect Your Child With Vaccines \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/young-children-and-vaccines) The pdf resources is also available in [Spanish \(español\)](#), [Arabic \(العربية\)](#), [Chinese \(中文\)](#), [Haitian Creole \(Kreyòl ayisyen\)](#), [Somali \(Af-Soomaali\)](#), and [Vietnamese \(tiếng Việt\)](#)

HEAD START NEW EMPLOYEE PORTAL

Designed specifically for new Head Start program staff, these role-specific resources can help new staff learn their role with clarity and confidence. From safety guidelines and administrative tools to teacher insights and family engagement strategies, this is where staff can find the materials they need for early success. This collection is the perfect companion to your program's onboarding guidance! Explore the role specific resources here: [Head Start New Employee Portal | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/head-start-new-employee-portal)

BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Office of Head Start's (OHS) top priority is to create safe spaces that families and communities can trust. Every Head Start staff, leader, and family plays an important role in safeguarding children and preventing safety concerns. Learn more about the campaign and why it's so important in this short video from Director Khari M. Garvin here: [Building a Culture of Safety Campaign | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/eclkc/ohse/hsp/topic/building-a-culture-of-safety-campaign). Also, join the webinar on *Aug. 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET, 4 Steps to Healthy and Safe Learning Environments*. [Register here](#) It focuses on four strategies that align with OHS core messages on child health and safety. The next day, *Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. ET*, bring your child health and safety incident questions to a [follow-up live office hour](#). Experts from the National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety will be on hand.