



Montana Head Start Association

The Montana Head Start Association brings together families, staff, directors, and friends of all Montana Head Start programs to provide leadership, education, information and advocacy on behalf of young children, pregnant women, and families in Montana.

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Important Dates

8/7-8/2008

**Families & Learning
Conference Missoula**

8/11-14/2008

**18th Annual NW
Indian Head Start
Coalition
Conference—Billings**
www.nwihsc.org

9/25-26/2008

**MT Head Start
Association Meeting—
Billings**

10/16-18/2008

**MtAEYC Early
Childhood Conference
Helena**
www.mtaeyc.org

11/14/2008

**Governance training
via MetNet &
Telemedicine
systems**

1/29-30/2009

**MT Head Start
Association meeting—
Helena**

1/30/2009

**Head Start/Early
Head Start Day at the
Capitol.**

4/9-10/2008

**Montana Head Start
Association meeting—
Lewistown**

You are invited to submit an article for this newsletter.

September 25-26, 2008 MT HS Association Meeting

Before you know it the summer will be over☺. The good news is you can meet up with friends and colleagues at the fall HS Association meeting in Billings. The meeting will be held on **9/25/08** from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM & 9/26/08 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon. The meeting will take place at **Head Start Inc. 615 N. 19th St.** As always there is a lot of business to take care of and many things to discuss (i.e. **2009 Region 8 conference**, State T/TA system, Governance Training, Individual Association memberships & the ECP Practitioner Registry, School Readiness teams, Committee meetings, etc). Save the Date and hotel/motel information will be sent out about a month prior to the meeting. Send agenda items to chill-larson@mt.gov. A draft agenda will be sent out approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

2008 Early Childhood Conferences



Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition conference—Billings—August 11-13
Highlights: Governor & Mrs. Schweitzer, Ross Weaver, Jennifer Perez, Crow vs. Northern Cheyenne in hand games! **Workshops** on culture, literacy, health, I am Moving I am Learning, transportation, fiscal, child abuse & neglect etc.
Information: <http://www.nwihsc.org/>



MtAEYC Early Childhood Conference—Helena—October 16-18
Co-sponsored by RMDC HS; Highlights: **Literacy Institute** with Lucy Hart Paulson, music with Red Grammer, Saturday workshops. CEUs, college Credit, OPI renewal units, & limited number of scholarships for licensed programs. Information: www.mtaeyc.org



Region VIII Head Start Association Conference—Cheyenne—October 21-23
Highlights: Michael Johnson, Lisa Murphy—The Ooey, Gooey Lady. **Learning Strands:** advocacy, education, leadership, health/mental health, supporting families
Information: www.uwyo.edu/2008region8conf

Montana Early Childhood Resources & Information



The Early Childhood Services Bureau has a website where you can find valuable information: www.childcare.mt.gov

- Investments in Early Childhood:
Economic Impact of Early Care and Education in MT
- Early Child Connections document

The Montana Early Childhood Project is encouraging all early childhood professionals in Montana to enroll on the Practitioner Registry: <http://www.montana.edu/ecp/>.