

# National Indian Head Start Directors Association

## 2022 Annual Report

### VISION

*NIHSDA will be a primary and dynamic source of increased wellness, education, professional development and strong role models for our AIAN children, families and staff through:*

## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Innovative and comprehensive services that build capacity to assist programs to develop school readiness skills

- Conducted the 2022 Training Conference in Portland, OR that was attended by 391 participants (81 programs) and offered (5) one-day pre-intensives, (41) 90 minute workshops and (9) 3-hour workshops.
- Offered discounts to members on: NIHSDA conference and trainings, Teaching Strategies Gold, Discount School Supply, and Lakeshore Early Learning.
- Maintained a consultant directory to the NIHSDA website
- Distributed 3 issues of the Native Head Start Leadership newsletter
- Roughly 500 emails shared on the director's listserv
- Hosted three Membership Matters Webinars
- Hosted four free training webinars in partnership with NIHSDA corporate members.
- Sent 3 NIHSDA Updates that provide information and updates, reminders, upcoming events, and advocacy information.
- Shared two AIAN Head Start grantee spotlights that highlight innovative partnerships, or activities.
- Shared state/AIAN ECE wage study data
- Disseminated tool kit for requesting a visit with elected officials

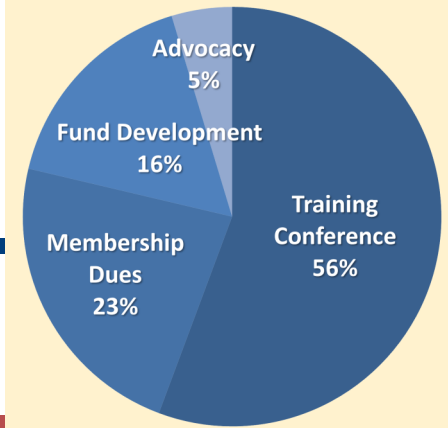
### Support and advocacy for culturally relevant services in AIAN communities

- Submitted annual Tribal Budget Consultation to US Department of HHS
- Updated NIHSDA's AIAN Head Start Talking Points and distributed to all AIAN grantees
- Conducted a HS Reauthorization call with membership and revised and updated the NIHSDA Policy Agenda
- Develop and disseminated a AIAN Head Start Categorical Eligibility white paper
- Submitted a letter to HHS Secretary Becerra on categorical eligibility
- Jointly submitted a letter to GOP appropriations committee leadership to prioritize funding for Head Start
- Submitted joint letter to Congress Leaders on the workforce crisis facing Head Start
- Held meetings with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions, House Committee on Education and Labor, the Senior Advisor and Director of Tribal Affairs at White House, as well as multiple Senators and Representatives to discuss AIAN Head Start eligibility flexibility.
- Secured increased funding for TCU/Head Start partnerships

### Effective partnership with the Office of Head Start and other Early Childhood Education stakeholders

- Submitted comments on ACD RFI Technical Assistance for Early Childhood Development
- Participated in NHTA Workgroup workforce and monitoring.
- Communicated with Office of Head Start on a quarterly basis, and with Region XI, T/TA

## FINANCIAL REPORT



Revenue Total: \$452,623



Expense Total: \$364,732

Bank Balance as of 12-31-22: \$268,780  
Investment Acct as of 12-31-21: \$668,744

## MEMBERSHIP

June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022

**79%** 121 NIHSDA Members  
**154 Total AIAN Programs**

### 2022 Associate Members\*

7 Members

### 2022 Corporate Members\*

*Play Mart Inc, Hatch, Kaplan, Lakeshore, Innovative Healthcare, School Outfitters, Learning Genie, Discount School Supply, Dicabi, Wipfli, Discovery Source, Well Air, Teaching Strategies, First Day Learning*

\*membership year is Jan 1 to Dec 31

# NIHSDA MISSION STATEMENT

*To stand strong and preserve the identity of AIAN children and families*

## Purpose

While preserving and respecting indigenous identity, National Indian Head Start Directors Association provides advocacy, leadership development, and professional growth opportunities. NIHSDA is the nation's leading voice for AIAN children in Head Start programs.

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## PRINCIPLES

*NIHSDA adheres to the following four principles:*

Equity in quality services for all AIAN children and their families;

Empowered Head Start/EHS programs and Tribal Leadership that advocate for AIAN children and families;

Collaborative partnerships with national organizations and stakeholders; and

Effective high quality support and training opportunities for AIAN grantees.

- and the AIAN Collaboration Office on a monthly basis
- Worked with the National centers and ICF to provide training workshops at the 2022 conference
- Participated in monthly calls with the National Head Start Association and state executive directors to keep informed about the big picture of Head Start
- Three NIHSDA board members sit on the National Head Start Association Board of Directors
- Provided Region XI reports to the National Head Start Association board
- Solicited AIAN Head Start programs to participate in the Learning Genie Native Language Preservation Initiative

### Image and identity as American Indian leaders and experts in early childhood advocacy and support

- Sponsored three Early Childhood trainings at the National Indian Education Association Annual Convention
- Board members serve on the AIAN Collaboration Advisory Committee
- Board members serve on the OHS Region XI Work Groups: TTA Steering Committee, Regional Needs Assessment
- Partnered with AAP on the Safe Infant Sleep National Coalition
- Served as a reference for WA Head Start Association on their Advocacy for Tribal Programs
- NIHSDA President spoke at the NHSA Fall Leadership Institute Rally on the Hill
- Participated in a panel discussion at the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association Policy Forum

