



# NIHSDA UPDATE

## OCTOBER

### INFORMATION AND UPDATES

- Recently, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) awarded \$4 million to six Tribal College and University Head Start (TCU-HS) Partnership Programs. This funding will be used to increase the number of qualified education staff working in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Head Start and Early Head Start programs. [Read more.](#)
- [Office of Head Start Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) System Renewed.](#) OHS has awarded new cooperative agreements for National TTA Center coalitions and contracts for the 12 TTA contracts with regional specialists supporting grantees.
- [2020-2021 NIHSDA Officers and Zone Reps](#)  
Welcome President Lee Turney and Treasurer Jennifer Oatman! Click here to view full board list.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- NIHSDA is partnering with the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness to bring you a webinar about the [Small Steps for Big Vision: An Eye Health Information Tool Kit for Parents and Caregivers](#), a new, free online resource with information, suggested actions, and assistance for parents, guardians, and caregivers to be empowered partners in their children's (as well as their own) vision and eye health.  
**Save the Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. ET**  
**Registration info Coming Soon!**

### REMINDERS

- [AIAN Head Start 1/4 Zip Pullovers.](#) Final orders due October 31st!

### ADVOCACY

- **Make a plan to vote.** Head to [Vote.org](#) to find your polling place or a ballot drop box near you, check your voter registration status, and get information about what's on your ballot. Check in with your colleagues, neighbors, and friends to see if they need help in voting. Right now, voting and helping others to do so is the most powerful action you can take on behalf of your family, community, and country.

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