



New England Head Start Association Membership Benefits

About NEHSA:

Founded in 1985, NEHSA is a private, not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to uniting and supporting New England Head Start programs as leaders in early childhood education. NEHSA provides a forum for networking, public policy advocacy, and training delivery to promote high-quality services for children and families across New England. As a regional affiliate of the National Head Start Association, NEHSA works to inform policies that impact Head Start and Early Head Start communities both regionally and nationally.

Why Join NEHSA?

When you join NEHSA, you make a commitment to strengthening the region's Head Start and Early Head Start programs while joining a community of like-minded professionals, parents, and partners dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of young children and their families.

We are committed to telling your collective story at the regional and national levels. We offer training opportunities that support federal regulations and policies while strengthening program administration, family engagement, and community partnerships.

Your Membership Is Important:

Operating a Head Start program is a massive undertaking; having a professional community that supports you is more important than ever. Joining or renewing your regional association membership is an effective way to stay connected to essential resources and the broader New England Head Start field. Your membership and active participation in NEHSA ensure that this association continues to thrive, and its mission of supporting Head Start programs is maintained and expanded.

Benefits

- **Expand your professional network** across New England Head Start programs, sharing challenges, strategies, and best practices among programs throughout the region.
- **Receive discounted registration rates** for high-quality, in-person and virtual professional development opportunities designed for program staff, parents, and community partners.
- **Shape regional strategy and direction** through active participation in discussion forums and surveys.
- **Strengthen your voice as an advocate** through our partnerships across New England and with the Office of Head Start, National Head Start Association, and UMass Donahue T/TA to unite and support New England Head Start programs as leaders in early childhood education.
- **Access no-cost job posting services** with listings of your employment opportunities featured on the New England Head Start website.
- **Develop leadership skills and influence your Association** through participation on NEHSA committees and the opportunity to be elected to the NEHSA Board of Directors, and/or elected as a regional representative to the NESA Board of Directors.

Membership Dues 2025-2026

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs September 1, 2025 - August 30, 2026 <i>Dues are according to your total OHS funding (HS + EHS + EHS-CCP + T/TA).</i>	
Total OHS Federal Funds	Annual Dues
<\$1,000,001	\$500
\$1,000,001 - \$3,000,000	\$600
\$3,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$900
\$5,000,001 - \$7,000,000	\$1,200
\$7,000,001 - \$9,000,000	\$1,400
>\$9,000,001	\$1,800

Affiliate Members September 1, 2025 - August 30, 2026 <i>Dues for non-program members are set at a flat fee based on membership type.</i>	
Non-Program Members	Annual Dues
Friend	\$60
Head Start State Collaboration Office	\$360
Non-profit affiliate	\$360
State affiliate	\$36
Corporate affiliate	\$720

Join or renew your membership with the New England Head Start Association today and become part of a dynamic community committed to excellence in early childhood education.

Payment Options

Preferred Payment Method (Mail): PO Box 63, Ashburnham, MA 01430

Electronic: Email melissa@newenglandheadstart.org for an invoice