



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 ensures that this association continues to thrive, and its mission of supporting Head Start programs is maintained and expanded.

Benefits

- **Build your professional network** across New England Head Start programs; share challenges, solutions, and best practices with peers.
- **Save on professional development** with discounted registration for high-quality in-person and virtual trainings for staff, parents, and community partners.
- **Help shape regional priorities** by participating in discussion forums and surveys.
- **Grow as a leader in the Association** by serving on committees and pursuing election to the NEHSA Board of Directors and/or as a regional representative to the NHSA Board of Directors.
- **Post job openings at no cost** and have your listings featured on the New England Head Start website.

Membership Dues

September 1, 2026 - August 30, 2027

Membership dues for Head Start programs are based on total OHS federal funds awarded for a programs current budget period. Non-program dues are a flat annual fee by member type.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

<u>Total OHS Federal Funds</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
<\$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

Non-Program Members

<u>Non-Program Members</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Friend of Head Start	\$60
Head Start State Collaboration Office	\$360
Non-profit Partner (non-Head Start)	\$360
State Partner	\$36
Corporate Partner	\$720

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NEHSA provides for online payments via Stripe; however we encourage programs to pay by mail to alleviate credit card processing.

Checks can be mailed to NEHSA, PO Box 63, Ashburnham, MA 01430.

To request an invoice and link to make payment online, please email melissa@newenglandheadstart.org.

