



WEEKLY UPDATE | March - 28 - 2022



Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness.



Family Support & Well-being

More than 1 million children ages birth to 6 experience homelessness in the U.S. These children are automatically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Homelessness is a circumstance families may experience when they are faced with such challenges as extreme poverty and lack of affordable housing. It can also occur when a family's current living situation becomes unsafe or unstable.

Homelessness is a state of vulnerability for children and families. It can expose families to physical, mental, and developmental risks. Head Start programs can provide needed support to children and families.

Explore relevant eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance (ERSEA) strategies and resources for supporting families in your program.

Learn More by clicking the link below:

family-support-well-being/children-families-experiencing-homelessness

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Human Resources Department



Office of Head Start

Public Service Loan Forgiveness for the ECE Workforce

Thursday, March 31, 2022

3–4 p.m. ET

[Register Online Now!](#)

One of the many benefits of working for Child Start is that our Agency is a not-for-profit organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code. What does that mean? It means that if you have student loans, you may qualify for public service loan forgiveness (PSLF).

Under normal circumstances, only certain types of loans and certain type of payments qualify to have your loan forgiven. However, On October 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced a limited PSLF waiver. It expands the rules for PSLF and Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF), which may make it easier for you to benefit from these programs.

The limited PSLF waiver may:

- Increase your total number of qualifying payments
- Include periods of qualifying employment that didn't previously count due to your loan types or repayment history
- Allow you to seek forgiveness on older loan types by consolidating them into Direct Loans

If you would like to learn more about this great benefit, please register for this free webinar hosted by the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office of Early Childhood Development (ECD) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Learn how the early care and education (ECE) workforce can take advantage of this time-limited opportunity, including how to qualify and apply for loan forgiveness. Speakers also discuss the resources and technical assistance available and respond to FAQs from the ECE field.

For additional information and to register, select the link: [Register Online Now!](#)

Related Resources: Learn more about [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#) on ED's Federal Student Aid website.



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"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way!"

*-Dr. Seuss
Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

B.A. in Child and Adolescent Development in Educational Context

Earn your bachelor's degree with a program tailored for you!

The time is now. Come and learn more about the Child and Adolescent Development degree completion program. The program is ideal for working early childhood and adolescent educators who are attending or transferring from a community college.

Some of the many program benefits include:

- Flexible schedules to fit the needs of working adults
- Cohort Learning environment
- Classes held locally within your community
- Financial aid available
- Academic Advising

Information Session

Zoom Login:

Link: *****RSVP to receive link*****

Meeting ID: *****RSVP to receive meeting ID*****

Passcode: *****RSVP to receive passcode*****

Date/Time:

Tuesday March 29th, 2022 at 6:30pm

RSVP Today!

This event will be hosted by the College of Continuing Education through CSU, Sacramento. Please email Jacqueline.jang@csus.edu to RSVP and to receive the Zoom login information for the session.



Not sure if you are eligible? We will let you know and create an educational plan for you!



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Let's Do This Together!



Part 2 coming up!!

**Office of Head Start
FA2 Monitoring Protocol**



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Part 1

♥ Health

♥ **March 29:** 3:00-4:00 – ERSEA

Part 2

♥ **April 5:** 3:00-4:00 – Health, Nutrition & Safety

♥ **April 12:** 3:00-4:00 – Education, Disabilities, & Mental Health

♥ **April 18:** 3:00-4:00 – ERSEA / Family Services



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Each April, people and agencies join the movement to promote Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month to raise awareness that child abuse is preventable. Here at Child Start, we prevent child abuse and neglect effectively through safety, education, health, and advocacy.

We strive to empower our staff and community members to join in prevention efforts.

Here are some suggested activities during the Child Abuse Prevention Month:

- **Friday, April 1 – Wear Blue Day**
To participate, wear blue and share photos with the hashtags: #WearBlueDay2022.
- **April 2-8 – Week of the Young Child**
 - [Week of the Young Child](#) is a week hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children is dedicated to celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.
- **Wednesday, April 20 – State-wide Webinar**
 - Register for and promote Prevent Child Abuse NC's webinar "[Ensuring Strong Foundations for Children | Learn the Basics & Take Action](#)" which is open to the public and will go over what primary prevention of child maltreatment is, review the Protective Factors, define effective strategies for child maltreatment prevention, and offer ways communities can support children and families all year long.

Please send pictures, video clips of your special celebration to Luis Pineda at lpineda@childstartinc.org, and don't forget to include a brief description of the activities, these will be featured on the Weekly Update.



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Information Technology Department

Security Alert - Venmo and Browser-in-the-Browser Phishing

This is just a reminder that when you're online to always be on the lookout for anything and everything that might be a potential phishing scam. There are two phishing scams that are currently making their rounds (again, for Venmo) that I would like to share: **Browser-in-the-Browser (BitB) and Venmo** phishing scam.

Browser-in-the-Browser:

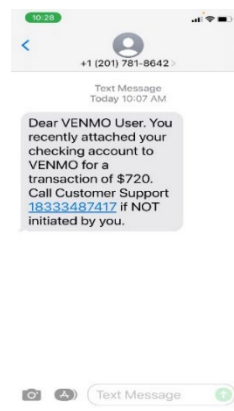
I'm sure you've visited a website where a pop-up window is provided, and it prompts you for your username and password. Through clever use of HTML and CSS coding, "bad guys" have come up with a way to mimic a valid sign-in pop-up window. The fake pop-up window looks exactly like a real sign-in window – *the only difference is the fake sign-in window is actually embedded on the webpage, meaning it is not a pop-up window.*

Granted, you would still need to land on the malicious website for the fake pop-up window to be displayed. So, **PLEASE be very careful on clicking on links that are contained on any email and/or text messages sent to you.**

Venmo Phishing:

These phishing attempts are sent either by text message on your phone or email message. Again, if you don't recognize the sender of the message or you're suspicious of the message, *do not click on the link*. You can reach out to the message source directly and notify them.

Here's a sample screenshot of a Venmo phishing scam:





Do you know who and in what year was Child Abuse Prevention Month first observed?



Submit your answers by sending an email to: lpineda@childstartinc.org by March 31, 2022.

Last week's trivia answer:

How many pregnant women were served in 2021 nationwide?

If your answer is **11,767**, you are **CORRECT!**

- **FY21 Funding** - Sourced from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Fiscal Year 2022, Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committee. Retrieved from: [acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/olab/fy_2022_congressional_justification.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/olab/fy_2022_congressional_justification.pdf)

Source: <https://nhsa.org/resource/2022-state-fact-sheets/>

“You can’t use up creativity. The More you use the More you Have.”
- Maya Angelou -

