



# State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care

**State Director of Head Start  
Collaboration's Perspective**

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# The Head Start Act

- Requires:
    - Collaboration Directors to serve on the Council
    - Head Start agencies to be represented on the Council
    - State Advisory Council shall submit a statewide strategic report addressing the activities to the State Director of Head Start Collaboration and to the Governor
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# State Director of Head Start Collaboration's Role

- Ensuring Head Start agencies including migrant, seasonal and Indian programs are seated on the Council.
  - Establish a working relationship with the Governor's staff members.
  - Foster collaborative partnership with the State Head Start Association.
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# State Director of Head Start Collaboration's Role

- Gather information and conduct needs assessment related to coordination and collaboration of Head Start in state's early childhood systems
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# New Jersey Council

- New Jersey Council for Young Children
  - 25 members with term limits
  - The New Jersey Department of Education designated to coordinate the activities of the Council
  - Chaired by the Director of the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood
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# New Jersey

- Head Start representatives:
    - President, State Head Start Association
    - Migrant/Seasonal Program
    - President, Directors' State Head Start Association
    - Head Start Program
    - 2 Child Care Providers
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# New Jersey

- Diverse Membership represents New Jersey's educational, child care, health, mental health, and disabled communities.
  - Membership includes:
    - 2 Superintendents
    - College President
    - Rutgers's Associate Professor of Learning and Teaching
    - Director, The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
    - President, Coalition of Infant/Toddler Educators
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# New Jersey

## □ Membership:

- President, New Jersey Family Child Care Provider Association
  - Executive Director, Professional Impact NJ, Kean University
  - Association for Children of New Jersey (Advocacy Organization)
  - The Schumann Fund
  - YCS Institute for Infant/Toddler Mental Health and Preschool Mental Health
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# New Jersey

- Ex-Officio Members (Commissioners)
    - Department of Human Services
    - Department of Education
    - Department of Health and Senior Services
    - Department of Labor and Workforce Development
    - Department of Children and Families
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