

Tri-County Head Start CEO Chanda Hillman Selected for Prestigious UCLA Leadership Program

Paw Paw, MI – July 8, 2024 – Tri-County Head Start is thrilled to announce that our esteemed CEO, Chanda Hillman, was selected as one of only 42 executive Head Start directors nationwide to participate in the prestigious UCLA Head Start Leadership Program. This program, known for its rigorous curriculum and leadership development, aims to empower and equip leaders in the Head Start community with advanced skills to drive positive change and impact in early childhood education.



Ms. Hillman’s selection to this elite program is a testament to her exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to the mission of Head Start. Over the past six years, she has demonstrated unwavering passion and a visionary approach in leading Tri-County Head Start, significantly enhancing the quality of services provided to children and families in our community.

The UCLA Head Start Leadership Program is renowned for its comprehensive training sessions, which cover strategic planning, organizational management, and innovative approaches to early childhood education. Participants are selected based on their proven track record of leadership, commitment to the Head Start mission, and potential for future impact.

Chanda Hillman successfully graduated from the program, joining an esteemed group of alumni at the forefront of early childhood education leadership. Her participation and completion of this program reflect and signify a bright future for Tri-County Head Start under her continued leadership.

“We are incredibly proud of Chanda and her accomplishments,” said Brian Saxton, Board Chair, Tri-County Head Start. “Her participation in the UCLA Head Start Leadership Program is a significant achievement, and her graduation with distinction highlights her dedication to excellence in early childhood education. We are confident that the knowledge and skills she has gained will greatly benefit our organization and the families we serve.”

As CEO of Tri-County Head Start, Ms. Hillman has been instrumental in driving key initiatives, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, and ensuring that our programs meet the highest



standards of quality and effectiveness. Her participation in the UCLA Leadership Program is expected to further enhance her strategic vision and leadership capabilities, paving the way for even greater achievements in the future.

Tri-County Head Start congratulates Chanda Hillman on this remarkable accomplishment and looks forward to the continued positive impact of her leadership on our organization and the broader Head Start community.

About Tri-County Head Start

Tri-County Head Start is a leading early childhood education organization committed to providing comprehensive developmental services to children and families in Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien Counties. Our programs focus on promoting school readiness, fostering social-emotional development, and supporting family well-being through a holistic approach to early childhood education.

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