



NAVAJO HEAD START

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Navajo Head Start celebrating 50th Anniversary with banquet

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Head Start is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and will be celebrating during a banquet for its employees scheduled on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, during their School Readiness Summit in Albuquerque, N.M.

The banquet will be attended by Navajo Head Start (NHS) employees, former directors, elected tribal leaders and elected state leaders.

The program was established in 1965 and has benefited the Navajo People with early childhood educational services since. In 1965, NHS opened its doors after being created as part of a much-larger project launched by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Then-U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson announced "Project Head Start" in 1964 as an effort to fight poverty in the U.S.

Keynote speaker will be Peter MacDonald Sr., former director of the Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity (ONEO) and former chairman of the Navajo Nation. MacDonald is considered the founder of Navajo Head Start.

WHAT: Navajo Head Start's 50th Anniversary Banquet for employees

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015

WHERE: Crown Plaza Hotel Ball Room, Albuquerque, N.M.

If you plan to attend, please contact Joshua Butler at 928-380-2158.

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Navajo Head Start is the largest federally-funded grant program in the country. Head Start and Early Head Start services are provided within the geographical area of the Navajo Nation, an area approximately the size of West Virginia that spans more than 27,000-square-miles across the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Central Administration offices are located in Window Rock, AZ, capital of the Navajo Nation.