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**The National Head Start Association's Quality Initiative Presents:
The Program of Achievement Award to Salt Lake CAP* Head Start**

Since 1995, the National Head Start Association's Quality Initiative has provided recognition to Head Start and Early Head Start programs throughout the country that demonstrate quality performance and a dedication to improving the lives of the children, families, staff, and communities they serve. This year, the National Head Start Association is proud to present Salt Lake CAP Head Start with the prestigious Program Achievement Award. Only two other programs, out of 2300 program in the nation received this honor.

Based on full compliance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards and a series of 77 Achievement Indicators in six program areas, this honor recognizes Salt Lake CAP Head Start as a role model that has identified its individual strengths, needs, and challenges, thereby establishing itself as a resource for Head Start and the early childhood community.

Salt Lake CAP Head Start offers top rated preschool education to at-risk students. "We believe that every child deserves the best education possible. Our classrooms have some of the most high quality staff and learning environments in the valley." states Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Head Start Director, "I am so excited for our program .to receive this prestigious honor, I am proud of the work our staff and families do everyday."

ABOUT SALT LAKE CAP HEAD START

- *Salt Lake CAP Head Start has over 70 classrooms located throughout the Tooele and Salt Lake Counties. Administrative offices are at 1307 South 900 West, Salt Lake City.*
- *Over 2300 children are served yearly.*
- *The mission of Salt Lake CAP Head Start is to nurture and educate young children, empower families, and partner with communities through professional and valued staff*
- *The program was honored as one of the top 40 programs in the nation last year by NHSA for its high standards of education and program quality.*
- *The program participates in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation program.*
- *The program was selected as one of five programs nationally to receive the Partners in Excellence (PIE) grant, which is to implement the most recent research in social and emotional development for children.*

ABOUT NHSA

The National Head Start Association is a private not-for-profit membership organization dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families. It represents more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 2,700 Head Start programs in the United States. The Association provides support for the entire Head Start community by advocating for policies that strengthen services to Head Start children and their families; by providing extensive training and professional development to Head Start staff; and by developing and disseminating research, information, and resources that enrich Head Start program delivery.

*Community Action Program



Erin Trenbeath Murray, Head Start Director, receiving the award from
Sarah M. Greene, President and CEO of NHSA

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