

## Message from the Executive Director



What a year! There's very little to be said about 2020 that hasn't already been stated! None of us could have predicted the global impact of the COVID -19 pandemic. Yet, it happened, and all of us had to quickly adapt to a new way of living. Social distancing, mask wearing, washing hands – these were the tasks emphasized throughout the year, and Head Start of Rockland, Inc. was no exception.

The good news is we had a plan. As you already know, we've stressed cleanliness through hand washing, safe coughing and safe sneezing with your children since our inception. This year, we ramped up the messaging, and when we were forced to shut our doors, we found virtual ways to keep your children engaged. We were also transparent with our community – posting our Reopening and Reentry plans on our website so that you – our parents, supporters and community – would know exactly how we planned to keep your children and our staff safe.

We don't know what the future holds. Our sincerest hope is that we can return to normalcy sometime in 2021, but if that is not the case, know that we have a dedicated staff in place who will continue to ensure your child's growth and development even in a virtual environment.

Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the year. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Head Start of Rockland, Inc., we wish you a safe holiday season and a bountiful new year!

Sincerely,



Ouida Foster Toubeton,  
Executive Director

## Making Adjustments

❄️ In 2020, Head Start of Rockland, Inc. began school year with a hybrid model, but is now currently operating in a virtual-only model. Our holiday pause runs November 23, 2020 to January 19, 2021. **We are still accepting children!** At Head Start, our children receive Zoom lessons each day. Check out our Facebook page for more information. We also continue to provide services to families, including meal pick up and delivery, other assistance as needed and referrals.



Happy  
Holidays



## ■ The Many Masked Faces of Our Children:

**COVID-19 did not stop learning!** For the children of Head Start of Rockland, Inc. in Haverstraw, Nyack and Spring Valley, it was a matter of adjusting to the new normal of wearing a mask!





## ■ The Training Continues

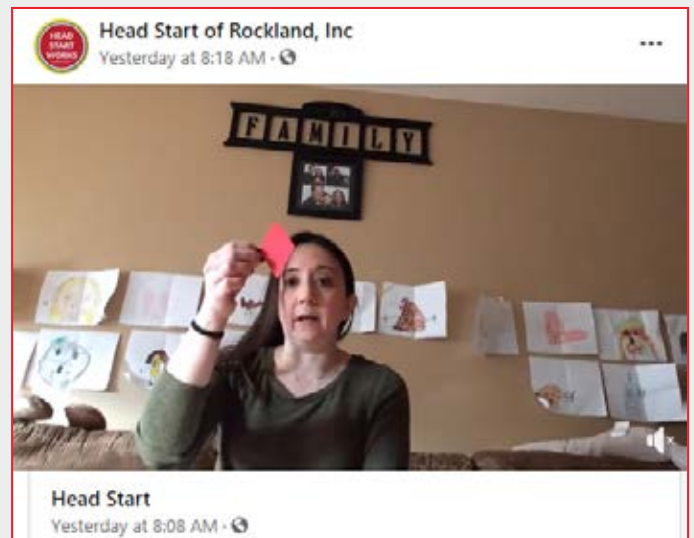
**There will always be a need for training no matter the conditions.** This year's 2020 In-Service Training was provided by Center for Safety & Change and staff adhered to all safety protocols during the session!



## ■ Activity Time!

**Have you been following us on Facebook?**

There are tons of activities posted on our page that will keep you and your children engaged for hours! Here are a few: *Learning activities such as this Shape Hunt by teacher Jennifer DeGroat*



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