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Head Start Recognizes Rep. Katherine Clark as Congressional Champion for Children and Families Pledge Award presented during virtual Head Start Hill Event

WASHINGTON, D.C.– The National Head Start Association awarded Rep. Katherine Clark (MA) with the 2022 Head Start Pledge Award her steadfast commitment to the Head Start pledge: believing every child can succeed; helping children and families to succeed; and ensuring every vulnerable child has access to Head Start.

“Congresswoman Clark has been a voice for Head Start in Massachusetts for decades, from her days at the Office of Child Care Services, at the Massachusetts State House, and now in the halls of Congress,” said Michelle Haimowitz, executive director of the Massachusetts Head Start Association. “Not only does she deeply understand the challenges that Head Start agencies and parents face, but she fights to make the historic systems-level changes and investments that our field desperately needs. Our Head Start community in the Fifth District and across the Commonwealth is fortunate that Congresswoman Clark represents the needs of our programs, staff, children, and families.”

The [Pledge](#) award was presented during [NHSA’s 2022 Winter Leadership Institute](#) where congressional champions addressed Head Start parents, alumni, and other supporters who were on Capitol Hill to advocate for Head Start.

“Head Start children and families are grateful for Rep. Katherine Clark’s diligent efforts and thank her for keeping the commitment to Head Start in both her words and her actions,” said NHSA’s Executive Director Yasmina Vinci. “For the last six decades, Head Start has been partnering with vulnerable children and families on their paths to success. Our impact would not be possible without the steadfast support of our longstanding allies in Congress.”

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The Massachusetts Head Start Association represents the 29 Head Start and Early Head Start agencies in Massachusetts, which collectively serve over 11,000 vulnerable young children across the Commonwealth. Visit massheadstart.org and follow [@massheadstart](https://twitter.com/massheadstart) to learn more.

The National Head Start Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in school and in life. The opportunities offered by Head Start lead to healthier, empowered children and families, and stronger, more vibrant communities. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 270,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States. Visit nhsa.org and follow [@NatHeadStart](https://twitter.com/NatHeadStart) for more information.