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Dear Head Start and/or Early Head Start Parents and Families:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of upcoming changes that will be made in the Urban League Head Start/Early Head Start program. For over 20 years, the administration of the program in the St. Louis area has been the responsibility of Grace Hill, and we have been honored to have had the privilege of providing services to you and your child.

The Office of Head Start (OHS) has identified a new grantee through the Designation Renewal System (DRS) to provide services within St. Louis area. Therefore, on July 1, the administration of the program in the St. Louis area will be the responsibility of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, located at 8964 Jennings Station Rd, Jennings, MO 63136.

We at the Urban League are excited about this opportunity to serve your child and your family. "Our mission is to empower African Americans and others throughout the region in securing economic self-reliance, social equality and civil rights."

Both we, at Grace Hill and the Urban League, are committed to a seamless transition and continuity of services. In the next weeks, we at Grace Hill and the Urban League will be notifying you regarding next steps. A parent meeting to answer questions you may have regarding this transition, will be held on www.Zoom.com on July 15, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Zoom Meeting ID is 812 8059 2960 and Password: 646367.

Since the Urban League has been designated by the Office of Head Start as the Head Start/Early Head Start grantee and to support continuity of services, all electronic and paper records of children currently enrolled or waiting to be enrolled in the newly assigned grantee's area, should be transferred from Grace Hill to the Urban League. The Urban League is working with Grace Hill to ensure that all families impacted by the transition receive a form that families will sign to authorize the release of information.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Pam Williams, Assistant Director of Head Start at (314) 589-6298 or pwilliams@urbanleague-stl.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support during this transition period. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

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