

## WNCSource CEO Report

January 11, 2024

### **My 2024 To Do List**

It is the beginning of a new year and 2024 will be very important for WNCSource. The extra financial supports that were provided by Covid funding will be ending. Depending on our requested Changes in Scope and Under Enrollment Plan, the way we provide Head Start services may be very different. As an organization, we have a lot we need to accomplish in 2024. Below is a list of my priorities that I will need Board support to accomplish:

- Complete WNCSource's next strategic plan
- Implement the next phase of the Trauma Resilient Communities project
- Meet recruitment and retention goals for full staffing
- Meet recruitment goals for children in Head Start, Early Head Start, Developmental Daycare, and Wrap-Around services
- Open our new Early Head Start facility in Polk County
- Continue to grow our Older Adult Services in Transylvania County
- Continue to grow our Nonemergency Medical Transportation programs
- Invest in our affordable housing units in Transylvania County
- Increase Board engagement through more in-person meeting opportunities

2024 will be a year of opportunities to put WNCSource in a solid position for future growth. With well trained and compensated staff, a future focused Board, and a good plan we will succeed. When WNCSource thrives, so do the communities we serve.

### **Office of Head Start Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Update**

Comments on the NPRM are due to the Federal Register by January 19, 2024. I will be attending virtual meetings convened by the National Head Start Association (NHSA) on January 4 and 8. NHSA will be providing a draft of their comments. I will share a summary of the draft comments to the WNCSource Board portal before our Board meeting on January 11. If I decide to comment in the Federal Register or sign in support of NHSA's draft, I will share that information with the WNCSource Board of Directors.