

## **Lt. Governor's Office Announces New Head Start State Collaboration Director**

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia's office has named Heather Tritten as Head Start State Collaboration Director. "Heather brings to my office great experience engaging Head Start and other early childhood stakeholders as well as a passion for improving the lives of children living in poverty. We welcome her expertise."

Heather Tritten comes to the Lt. Governor's Office from Utah's Community Action Association. Heather is an experienced community leader and advocate. As the Executive Director of Community Action Partnership of Utah, Heather worked closely with Utah's Community Action Agencies, including the state's two largest Head Start providers. Heather collaborated with these agencies to promote their programs, create policy agendas and build capacity within their organizations.

Heather has extensive public policy experience. As a policy analyst working on low-income issues in Utah she developed legislation, coordinated policy efforts with community advocates and worked with the Utah State Legislature to produce policies and programs that protect low-income families. Among other issues, she collaborated with community partners and the Legislature to successfully pass multi-year funding for all-day kindergarten and, for the first time ever, state funding for Head Start.