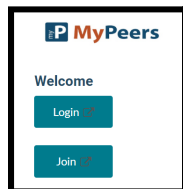


# Iowa has a presence in **MyPEERS!!**

**Iowa now has an Early/Head Start Community** to share ideas, resources, connect and ask questions!



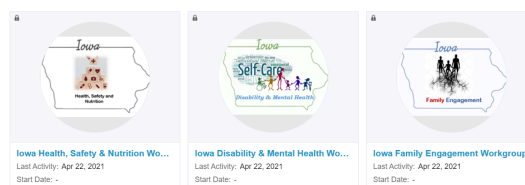
**How do you join?** Use this [link](#) to visit HeadStart.gov. If you have been a part of **MyPEERS** prior you can gain assistance to get involved with your prior login information. New to **MyPEERS**? You can sign up by clicking on 'join'. Please note, the 'Mayor of **MyPEERS**' actually accepts new members so it will take about 24hrs for her to do this for you. If you want to know more about **MyPEERS** you can select orientation sessions as well as this forum is used by Head Start Agencies across the nation. Have questions, please contact Monica Garner, Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Director for support as well: [monica.garner@iowa.gov](mailto:monica.garner@iowa.gov).



**I've been a part prior and not sure about joining again...** We GET IT, when **MyPEERS** started years ago, it didn't have the filters that it does today. At that time, you received a notice *every time* something was posted. That is NOT how it is today, **it has been updated**. On your dashboard you can now set/filter what you receive.

*\* "Being a part of **MyPEERS** again for 12 months now, I receive maybe 3 notices in a day, at most. The filter in my Dashboard solved the issues of getting notices every time something was posted! I was desensitized prior and now I read the notices because it is quality information I chose and so I'm interested in."* Monica Garner, HSSCO

**Is MyPEERS worth my time to join?** Yes!! The Iowa Community is an open/public community to connect our agency's/staff/work. Iowa also has closed Workgroups set up specific to areas of work to connect like-position-staff. Today, IHSA Networking resources are all held in the files within the closed Workgroups. To find the Workgroups, view the video posted in the Iowa Community or login and search the workgroups. In addition to Iowa resources, the larger **MyPEERS** community has a plethora of information and opportunities to connect to as well!



*We hope you join the Iowa **MyPEERS** Community as these few bytes of information only scratch the surface! More to come as we build membership of our Iowa community and workgroups!*