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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MODESTO, CA | MAY 3-6, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MODESTO

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026		
Time	Event	Location
2:00pm – 4:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS	DoubleTree By Hilton Modesto
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Welcome Reception	

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 <i>Plenary Opening: STANCOE Offices</i>		
Time	Event	Location
7:30am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST <i>Hosted by NAFHSA</i>	STANCOE Office 1325 H Street (Tom Changnon) Building
8:00am – 10:00am	REGISTRATION OPENS	
8:30am – 10:00am	NMSHSA Plenary Opening	
10:30am – 12:00pm	Break Out Session A	Locations Vary*
12:00pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH <i>On your own</i>	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Break Out Sessions B	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Break Out Sessions C	
5:00pm	END OF DAY	

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 <i>Breakouts: STANCOE Offices</i>		
Time	Event	Location
7:00am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST <i>on your own</i>	Locations Vary*
8:30am – 10:00am	Break Out Session D	
10:00am – 10:30am	BREAK	
10:30am – 12:00pm	Break Out Sessions E	
12:00pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH <i>On your own</i>	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Break Out Session F	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Break Out Session G	
5:00pm	END OF DAY	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 <i>Breakouts & Closing Plenary: STANCOE Offices</i>		
Time	Event	Location
7:30am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST <i>Hosted by NAFHSA</i>	STANCOE Office 1325 H Street (Tom Changnon) Building
9:00am – 10:30am	Break Out Session H	Locations Vary*
10:30am – 12:00pm	CLOSING PLENARY	STANCOE Office 1325 H Street (Tom Changnon) Building

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CALIFORNIA MSHS CONFERENCE FULL-DAY INSTITUTE

SAFETY, SYSTEMS, AND STEWARDSHIP: PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM BUS TO BUILDING ONE-DAY CONFERENCE | MODESTO, CA | MAY 5, 2026

This comprehensive full-day institute brings together leading voices in transportation, facilities, and health and safety to explore one unified goal: ensuring every child is protected, supported, and prioritized at every touchpoint of their Head Start experience.

The day begins with a critical focus on transportation safety, led by Rhett Holyoak, Transportation Manager/Area Manager, in “Safeguarding Children on the Bus.” This session centers on one of the most urgent responsibilities in our field—ensuring that no child is ever left behind. Participants will explore how to strengthen procedures by minimizing human error and implementing systems that create accountability, consistency, and peace of mind.

From there, the focus shifts to the physical environments where children learn and grow. Danny Reynolds, Health and Safety Specialist, alongside Velma Garcia, TTA Specialist, lead “A Head Start Facility: From Start to End.” This session takes participants on a full lifecycle journey—from site search and acquisition to ongoing maintenance—and addresses the critical decision points when repairs are no longer enough and replacement or reinvestment becomes necessary.

As the day progresses, transportation returns to the forefront with a systems-driven lens. In “Maintaining Transportation From the Comfort of Your Office,” Rhett Holyoak and Velma Garcia provide practical strategies and tools to effectively monitor and manage a dynamic transportation program. Attendees will gain insight into how to oversee routes, ensure compliance, and address real-time challenges—even when operations are constantly in motion.

The institute concludes with a grounding and essential conversation led by Danny Reynolds in “Head Start Health and Safety: The Foundation of Everything Else.” With health and safety requirements often feeling vast and overwhelming, this session focuses on practical approaches to prioritization and organization. The goal: to create systems that support staff, reduce burden, and ultimately allow educators to focus on what matters most—the children.

Together, these sessions create a powerful, integrated experience—connecting transportation, facilities, and health and safety into one cohesive framework. Participants will leave with actionable strategies, strengthened systems thinking, and a renewed commitment to safeguarding children across every environment they encounter.

FULL-DAY INSTITUTE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 <i>Full-Day Institute Trainings: STANCOE Offices</i>		
Time	Event	Location
7:00am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST <i>on your own</i>	Locations Vary*
8:30am – 10:00am	Training A	
10:00am – 10:30am	BREAK	
10:30am – 12:00pm	Training B	
12:00pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH <i>On your own</i>	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Training C	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Training D	
5:00pm	END OF DAY	

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