

Clarion-Ledger/Sid Salter request:

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“I have concerns about moving the Head Start program to the U.S. Department of Education.

Washington should concentrate on fully funding Head Start instead of disguising cuts to the program in the form of block grants.

We are currently working with the Mississippi Head Start association to ensure the integrity of our program is maintained and our children are prepared to start school ready to learn. Mississippi’s Head Start exceeds national standards.

Head Start representatives serve on our Working Group on Financing Early Care and Education in Mississippi, which is a partnership with Department of Human Services and the Barksdale Reading Institute.”