

THE WHISTLER



June is a Month for Celebration!

The month of June is dedicated to celebrate the end of slavery in the US on June 19, 1865, known as Juneteenth.

This month we also remember and commemorate June 1969 which was a turning point in the civil rights movement for the LGBTQ+ community.

Why are **Pride Month** and **Juneteenth** Important for Kids?

Feeling accepted is foundational for kids to learn and grow; first in their families and second with their school families.

The Human Rights Campaign reports that LGBTQ+ kids say a problem they face is acceptance from family and peers. Head Start celebrated it's 58th birthday this year and after 58 years of supporting kids, we know acceptance and a sense of belonging are crucial to safety which leads to growth and learning.

When families and communities celebrate and honor Juneteenth, it gives kids the opportunity to learn about and celebrate diverse cultures and identities other than their own while learning about the resiliency and bravery of Black people.



HAGEN GAMRADT
EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANT

How long have you been with Reach-Up? 3 years

Fun Fact about you:
I play the trumpet.

Most exciting part of your job?
Letting kids be kids and encouraging them.

Least favorite chore around the house:
Making the bed

If you could take three items on a deserted island with you, what would they be: A fishing pole, umbrella and a frying pan



Celebration of Fatherhood!

Saturday, June 17, 9:30-12:30

Lake George, St. Cloud

FREE - food, fishing, crafts, story walk, obstacle course, face painting, books, infant/toddler play space, music, bubbles and paddle boat rides

