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On June 12-14, 2023, the Region 7 Head Start Association (R7HSA), representing early childhood programs across Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, is bringing the World's Largest Rubber Duck to Overland Park, KS, as a feature of their 2023 Conference: *Getting Your Ducks in a Row — Reimagining and Reorganizing Your Organization*. More than 400 Head Start staff and childcare partners are expected to attend this 4-day training and networking event. Presenters and exhibitors from all across the country will be on-site during the week.

So how big is she? According to Craig Samborski, the owner of “Mama Duck,” she is 61 feet high (nearly six stories!), 64 feet wide, and 74 feet long. She weighs around 8,000 pounds and it takes nearly 90 minutes to inflate her.

This will be the first time the World's Largest Rubber Duck has been to the four-state region and Kansas City Metro. Positioned in the Northwest parking lot of the Overland Park Sheraton at the Convention Center, Mama Duck will be easily visible from 435, and always draws a huge crowd wherever it goes! The public is encouraged to stop by and check out the excitement!

We are hopeful the local media will help promote this rare and special occasion, as we welcome the World's Largest Rubber Duck to our area. If you have questions about the duck, the event, or how your organization can partner with R7HSA, contact Donna Veatch, Executive Director, at 816.718.2260, or email Donna@R7HSA.com.

Since 1997, R7HSA provides professional development and training opportunities for Head Start staff and leadership, while also advocating for children, families, and Head Start staff.

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