



## Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Sessions

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Family Engagement	<p><b>New Resources to Promote Parent, Family, and Community Engagement: The Framework and the Self-Assessment Guide</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Catherine Ayoub, Erin Hart, Tom Schultz, M. Elena Lopez</p>	<p><i>The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework</i> commits us to support families' well-being, build strong relationships between parents and their children, celebrate their unique cultures, and connect them with their community. A <i>Self-Assessment Guide</i> has been developed to help programs see the many ways they can implement best practices in this work. In this session, we will introduce this new <i>Guide</i> and help leaders understand how they can use it to improve family and child outcomes in their programs.</p>
Family Engagement	<p><b>Supporting Military Families in Your Head Start Community</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Dorinda Silver Williams, Adrienne Bacchus, Tammy McCreery</p>	<p>The purpose of this session is to provide the opportunity for leaders to hear personal accounts from a former Service Member, spouse and mom; understand the importance of identifying military families in their</p>

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<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>What Head Start Program Staff and Parents Need to Know About U.S. Immigration Policy</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: Roger Rosenthal</i></p>	<p>With the growth of the immigrant population in this country, it is important that Head Start staff and parents understand current U.S. immigration policy to better plan programs and services. This session will review, among other topics, basic immigration terms and</p>

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		<p>concepts; how someone might legalize their status, if at all; who can enforce immigration law; and how local and state laws impact immigrants or families with mixed immigration status. Participants can bring this information home and share it with staff and parents.</p>
<p><b>Program Foundations</b></p>	<p><b>A Head Start on Picturing America: An Innovation that Promotes School Readiness and Family Engagement</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Jacqueline Davis, Suzanne Thouvenelle</i></p>	<p><i>A Head Start on Picturing America</i> is a valuable resource that integrates many elements of school readiness. This session demonstrates an innovative approach that connects the <b>Early Learning and Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Frameworks</b>. It offers learning experiences to promote child and family outcomes. This exciting interactive two hour session includes strategies that Head Start leaders can use to support parent, family and community engagement. Parents, family service workers,</p>

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		teaching teams and other staff leaders can gain knowledge and practice ways to enhance effective communication, coaching, and mentoring that promotes school readiness.
<b>Family Engagement</b>	<b>Delivering Comprehensive Early Head Start Services in the Family Child Care Program Option</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Betsi Closter and Angie Godfrey</i>	This session will present an overview of the Family Child Care Program Option and how it can be successfully implemented in EHS. Learn about strategies to support your ability as a leader in your program and in community and to collaborate with child care and other agencies to provide quality services to infants and toddlers through this option.
<b>Family Engagement</b>	<b>Designing Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness in Your Community</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Amanda Perez and Suzanne</i>	Homelessness is broadly defined under the regulations that guide Head Start programs. This session will focus on developing services that respond to the unique needs of families

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	<i>Heilman</i>	<p>experiencing homelessness in your community. As leaders in your programs, you will consider how to identify and address homelessness at your community level, as well as the impacts of homelessness on families and young children. You will learn about strategies and resources to support your work with this population.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in Program Leadership, Family Partnerships, Teaching and Learning, and Community Partnerships, and it targets outcomes supporting Family Wellbeing and Positive Parent-Child Relationships.</i></p>
<b>Family Engagement</b>	<p><b>How Leaders Bridge the Cultural Divide</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <i>Janet Gonzalez-Mena</i></p>	<p>The goal of this session is to increase your effectiveness as a leader in supporting culturally responsive practices. You will learn ways to help your colleagues negotiate cultural bumps when they cross the cultural</p>

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		<p>divide. You will have opportunities to reflect on your leadership skills and attitudes related to cultural responsiveness and then examine your responses to diversity. You will explore why it is important to preserve diversity and how cultural responsiveness supports that preservation. You will come away with ideas and activities about how to expand culturally responsive practices in your program and how culturally responsive practices support positive child outcomes.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to relationship building, Family Partnerships, Teaching and Learning, and culturally responsive Program Environments.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Taking Parent Engagement to the Next Level: The Parent Ambassadors of Washington State</b></p>	<p>The Washington State Parent Ambassadors and Project Staff will share how parent leadership and advocacy thrive with the</p>

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	<p><b>Presenters:</b> <i>Joel Ryan, Lori Pittman, Sonja Lennox, John McClure, DesiRae Zabel</i></p>	<p>combination of transformational mentoring, coaching, education and training - all built on the foundation of human value, acknowledgement and trust. This unique formula has led to the growth and notable success of Parent Ambassadors at the personal, professional, community, state and national levels. Participants will learn tips for peer-to-peer learning, coaching, and intensive mentoring; strategies for implementation in their programs; and guidance for launching similar models in their communities. This session is great for parent engagement coordinators, family advocates, parents, and policy council leaders.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop targets the outcome supporting Families as Advocates and Leaders.</i></p>
<b>Data Driven Decision-Making</b>	<b>Involving Parents and Families in Data-Driven</b>	Head Start and Early Head Start programs

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	<p><b>Decision-Making</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> M. Elena Lopez, Sandra Peterson</p>	<p>have many opportunities for making data-driven decisions with parents and families. In this session, we will explore a variety of innovative ideas for engaging parents and families as both contributors and receivers in a collaborative process in the classroom, in setting family goals, in establishing overall program goals, and in working with the community.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to Continuous Program Improvement, Teaching and Learning, Family Partnerships, and Community Partnerships, and it targets many of the PFCE Framework outcomes.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Knowing Child Development Makes a Difference to Parents</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Jean Simpson, Shaunte Jones</p>	<p>This session will focus on how Head Start leaders can build parents' knowledge of early childhood education and support them as their child's first teacher. Discussion will focus</p>

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		<p>on how educational staff can effectively share information about major milestones and children as individuals. Participants will learn practical approaches to building staff-parent partnerships for the benefit of the child and the pride of the parents.</p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Parents and Teachers as Partners in Mapping Child Progress and Negotiating the Transition to School</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: John Hornstein</i></p>	<p>This session will illustrate ways that parents and teachers can work as partners to use child assessments to support families in preparing their children for school. We will highlight multiple ways to share and use information about children's progress to support family's engagement in their child's learning. We will show that when parents and teachers together track and participate in a child's learning, school readiness improves.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to service integration and Teaching and Learning, and it targets</i></p>

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		<i>outcomes supporting Positive Parent-Child Relationships and Families as Lifelong Educators.</i>
<b>Family Engagement</b>	<p><b>Partnering with Families to Support Home Language Development in Infants and Toddlers</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Joanne Knapp-Philo and Jhumur Saeed</i></p>	<p>It is critical that children grow up with the ability to speak their home language and English well. This interactive session will use <b><i>The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework</i></b> to highlight research on the development of multiple languages and key approaches for partnering with families to promote their child’s optimal language development. Participants will plan specific ways to develop staff-family partnerships to ensure that young children make progress in all their languages.</p>
<b>Family Engagement</b>	<p><b>Working with Families Facing Adversity and Depression: A System-Wide Preventative Mental Health Approach</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: Patricia Brady</i></p>	<p>This session offers an overview of how Head Start and Early Head Start programs can work with families facing adversity, including depression, violence, poverty and other difficulties. The session describes and offers</p>

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		tools to develop and implement an evidence-based, system-wide, preventive training and mental health consultation system. Directed at program leaders, family service workers, teachers, and parents, this session will include principles and strategies for relationship-building and for engaging providers and parents.
Family Engagement	<p><b>Family Engagement: It's All About Relationships!</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: John Hornstein</i></p>	Relationships between parents and Head Start staff are fundamental to children's current and future success and their readiness for school. Treating parents as experts on their child, recognizing them as knowledgeable partners in decision-making, and attributing a child's progress to their efforts whenever possible – all reinforce parents' sense of competence and help to build a strong parent-staff relationship. In this session, we will examine these strategies and how they can



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		<p>benefit your program’s children and families.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses strategies related to relationship building, and it targets the outcome supporting Positive-Parent Child Relationships.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Welcoming Culturally Diverse Families into your Program</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Marlies Zammuto, Tarima Levine</i></p>	<p>Head Start and Early Head Start programs include children and families who come from a wonderfully diverse set of backgrounds and cultures. In this session, we will explore a variety of specific, proven strategies that programs can use to welcome and engage families of all backgrounds, and that support the children and their families in reaching the best outcomes.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to relationship building and creating culturally responsive Program Environments.</i></p>

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Leadership Enhancement	<p><b>Community Engagement Strategies: Examples from the Field</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Wendy Watson, Jan Greenberg, Carol Mills</i></p>	<p>Community engagement extends beyond the notion of accessing services and supports for program families to involving staff and families as partners with community organizations. Ongoing collaborative efforts strengthen the community and in so doing, improve opportunities for families. In this session, we will explore ways for program staff to support this concept, including learning from examples in the field.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in Program Leadership and Community Partnerships, and it targets a number of outcomes, including supporting Families as Advocates and Leaders.</i></p>
Leadership Enhancement	<p><b>Developing Parent Leadership in Transitions to School</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Erin Hart, Tom Schultz</i></p>	<p>Head Start programs can partner with parents to become leaders and advocates for their children as they get ready to move from Head Start into elementary school. In this session,</p>

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		<p>we will explore a variety of ways that Head Start staff can support this process throughout the family's Head Start experience, and look at specific examples of how this is working in the field.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in Program Leadership, Community Partnership, and it targets the outcomes supporting Family Engagement in Transitions and Families as Advocates and Leaders.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Working with Current and Expectant Fathers</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Mia Hendricks, Ronald Mincy, Jeffery Johnson</p>	<p>Responsible fathering during infancy and early childhood contributes to the development of emotional security, curiosity, math, and enhanced verbal skills. Participants will hear information about efforts to expand the Head Start <i>Building Blocks</i> materials and best practice recommendations for engaging, recruiting, involving, and sustaining men's</p>

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		<p>involvement in the lives of their children. Emphasis also will be placed on supporting men to expand their own definition of a father's role.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses many elements of the PFCE Framework, including Program Leadership, Program Environment, and Family Partnerships, and it targets outcomes supporting Family Wellbeing, Positive-Parent Child Relationships, and Families as Lifelong Educators.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Partnerships for Sustained Learning: Supporting Continuity across Head Start and Elementary Schools</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Mimi Howard</p>	<p>This session introduces a Framework for Building Continuity across Head Start programs and schools. It includes a planning tool for establishing Head Start-school partnership agreements designed to ensure that children's gains in Head Start are sustained when they start school. The Framework and accompanying <i>Guide</i> provide</p>

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		<p>concrete suggestions and guidelines for how Head Start and school leaders and their staff can work together to create linkages across systems. Come learn about the <i>Guide to Creating Head Start School Partnerships</i>, hear about successful partnership models in programs and schools, and find out how the National Centers for Quality, Teaching, and Learning and for Parent, Family, and Community Engagement will provide support for using the <i>Guide</i>.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in Program Leadership and Community Partnerships, and it targets the outcome supporting Family Engagement in Transitions.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Designing Services for Special Populations in Head Start and Early Head Start</b></p>	<p>This session offers a facilitated discussion regarding best practice recommendations for working with “at risk populations,” such as</p>

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<p><b>Data Driven Decision-Making</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Coaching and Education for Better Child Outcomes – A Head Start Example</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <i>Marcia Leithauser and Sam Ceccacci</i></p>	<p>Making sound financial decisions is difficult, and when families struggle financially, positive child outcomes and family stability may be threatened. Learn how Head Start programs can develop the capacity to help parents increase financial and family stability through asset building activities such as financial</p>

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		<p>education, credit counseling, and matched savings. Participants will be exposed to leadership strategies that can build knowledge sharing with parents and communities.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to Family Partnerships and Community Partnerships, and it targets the outcome supporting Family Wellbeing.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Head Start Healthy Marriage and Family Initiative (HMFI) Workshop: Engaging and Strengthening Head Start Families</b></p> <p>Presenter: Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>This session will present information on the Head Start Healthy Marriage and Family Strengthening Initiative (HMFI) – what it is, how to develop one, and how to implement it within the context of other Head Start programs success. This session will lay the groundwork for expanding family strengthening/relationship enhancement programming to additional Head Start organizations. Participants will understand why healthy relationships between parents</p>

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		<p>and their children are important to both family outcomes and children’s outcomes.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in relationship building with families, Program Environment, Family Partnerships, and Community Partnerships, and it targets outcomes supporting Family Wellbeing and Positive Parent-Child Relationships.</i></p>
<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Family Engagement and Storytelling/Narrative Inquiry</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Kiersten Beigel, Guadalupe Cuesta, Dee Wetzal and Kezia Carpenter</p>	<p>This session will help program leaders, managers and staff enhance their strengths-based skills in creating meaningful, goal oriented relationships with families using a storytelling/narrative approach. The recounting of migration stories as local and transnational narratives of strength, courage, and family life, help to strengthen relationships between staff and families, parents and couples and between children</p>

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<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Building the Bridge to Parent Leadership</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Jacqueline Davis, Valerie Meléndez, Kay Ortega, Ben Simon, Cortez Tolbert, Alex Martinez and Michele Guzman</p>	<p>Supporting parents’ roles as leaders at home, in the program, and in the community is an important part of family engagement in Head Start. When programs incorporate parent and family engagement strategies that support parent leadership, the potential for successful outcomes is maximized. Join this panel of parents as they discuss ideas to ensure that parent and family engagement builds the bridge to great parent leadership opportunities.</p>

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<p><b>Family Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>How Family Engagement Supports Child Health</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Marco Beltran and Kiersten Beigel</p>	<p>This session focuses on the importance of Head Start and Early Head Start managers and leaders as key to understanding that an integrated and systemic family engagement philosophy is vital for achieving positive child health outcomes. Participants will explore common health service challenges for programs and families and then consider new family engagement strategies that address these challenges and support children’s health.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in relationship building, Program Environment, Family Partnerships, and Community Partnerships, and it targets outcomes supporting Family Wellbeing and Parent-Child Relationships.</i></p>

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<b>Data Driven Decision-Making</b>	<b>Welcome and You Belong! Engaging Families through Program Environments</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Amanda Perez and John Hornstein	What makes your program inviting to the families you serve? As we ask diverse families with the youngest children to fully engage in Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs, what brings them in the door and connects them with staff and services? It begins with the physical and social environment of your program! This interactive session will offer participants opportunities to share and learn with other leaders in focused, small group discussions on program environment and family engagement. <i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies related to Program Environments, Family Partnerships and Teaching and Learning.</i>
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>	<b>Family Services Supervision</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> David Jones and Kiersten Beigel	This session will explore effective models of supervision in the context of Head Start and Early Head family services. Participants will look at specific supervisory goals and

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		<p>participate in targeted exercises designed to increase knowledge and skill around key family services supervisory competencies.</p> <p><i>* PFCE Framework: This workshop addresses key strategies in Professional Development that target a number of parent and family outcomes, with particular emphasis on Family Wellbeing.</i></p>
<p><b>Program Foundations</b></p>	<p><b>Family Wellness</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Christina Benjamin and Patricia Brady</p>	<p>This session will address health issues, such as nutrition, maternal and paternal depression, of pregnant women, young children, and their families and the challenges to obtaining comprehensive health services. Program and parent leaders will learn how to implement strategies for engaging families, communities, and the Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) in the development and implementation of culturally and linguistically appropriate health education and health promotion programs. Participants will</p>

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