



THE NATIONAL CENTER ON
**Parent, Family, and
Community Engagement**

Head Start National Family Engagement Call Respondents Friday, September 30, 2011

The Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework provides programs with a research-based, organizational guide for implementing relevant Head Start Program Performance Standards.

Because supporting children's school readiness success is an ongoing partnership between staff and families, the PFCE Framework is a tool that all staff and families can use. The PFCE Framework can be used in program-wide strategic planning: program design and management, continuous improvement systems, and professional development for staff, governing bodies, and parent groups. It can be used to inform community partners about Head Start parent and family engagement goals and the importance of those goals for school readiness.

The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework begins the next chapter in Head Start's long history of leading the field in engaging families and supporting children's ongoing learning and development.

Before you join the call, and to make the most of this conference call experience:

1. Take a minute to find out a little information about the respondents by reviewing their bios.
2. Review the new [Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework](#) [PDF, 1.1MB].
3. Watch the 4 webcasts that are currently available on the [National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement](#) page on the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC) website.

After you have listened to the call:

1. Take a few minutes to reflect on what you heard.
2. You may continue to send questions or comments to OHS_PFCE@headstartinfo.org.



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Joan Lombardi, Ph.D. is the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, she provides overall policy coordination for the Head Start and Early Head Start Program and the Child Care and Development Fund, as well as serving as the liaison with the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies.

She is the author of numerous publications including: *Time to Care: Redesigning Child Care to Promote Education, Support Families and Build Communities* (Temple University Press, 2003) and co-editor of *A Beacon of Hope: The Promise of Early Head Start for America's Youngest Children* (Zero To Three Press, 2004). In 2004, Joan launched the Global Leaders for Young Children program in partnership with The World Forum Foundation which has provided leadership support to early education leaders around the world.



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Yvette Sanchez Fuentes brings extensive experience in providing services to young children from low-income families at the local, regional, and national level to her appointment as the Director of the Office of Head Start. In her role as Director, Ms. Sanchez Fuentes will help lead ACF's critically important mission of enriching the quality of early childhood development for our nation's most vulnerable children.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Sanchez Fuentes served as the Executive Director of the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association (NMSHSA). She worked with early education services, policies and resources for migrant and seasonal farm worker children and their families.

Before joining NMSHSA, Yvette worked for the Education Development Center where she was the Early Childhood Specialist for the International Systems Division and provided technical assistance to projects in Honduras, El Salvador, and Egypt.

Ms. Sanchez Fuentes has served as a National Head Start Fellow where she provided consultation in literacy, parent education, child care collaborations, and program improvement to Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and other early childhood education programs nationwide. She received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from California State Polytechnic University.



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Kiersten Beigel is the Family and Community Partnerships Specialist with the Office of Head Start. She began working with HHS in the Administration for Children, Youth and Families in 2003 where she worked on Child Welfare, Head Start, Child Care, Family Violence, Abstinence Education, Mentoring Children of Prisoners, and Homeless and Runaway Youth programs. Prior to her work in the federal government, Kiersten has worked with children of all ages and their families in medical, child welfare, non-profit and educational settings providing mental health services, parent support services as well as conducting casework and program development activities in various capacities. Kiersten holds a Masters in Social Work and a certificate in Urban Leadership from Simmons College in Boston and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Syracuse University.



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Dr. Catherine Ayoub is a forensic psychologist & nurse practitioner with strong clinical and research interests in child and family development and the impact of trauma across the life span. Dr. Ayoub is the Principal Investigator for the Office of Head Start's National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement. She serves as a senior forensic mental health expert for children and adults involved in juvenile, family, criminal and civil courts across the USA and in Latin America. She has expertise in assessment of child maltreatment (physical and sexual abuse and neglect), family conflict including divorce and custody issues, family violence, and the long term impact of childhood trauma on behavior, criminal activity, and general functioning into adulthood. Dr. Ayoub has international expertise in the assessment and treatment of disorders of deception including Munchausen by Proxy and factitious disorder. She has a long term interest in the unique nature of crimes committed by women and has experience in working on cases involving infanticide. She holds a primary appointment at Harvard Medical School through the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, and she is also active on the staff of Children's Hospital as a senior interventionist and researcher. Dr. Ayoub has published over 75 articles and books related to child development, impact of trauma on development, parenting, mental health and educational prevention and intervention service delivery systems and related topics.