

Families Matter: Strength Based Approaches for Authentic Family Engagement

A Virtual Event

August 3-4, 2021

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM CDT each day

(12:30-4 PM ET / 10:30 AM-2 PM MT / 9:30 AM-1 PM PT)

At the heart of every Head Start program is the commitment for families to be integral in their child's success in development and learning as well as their own growth and advancement. In this virtual training event, participants in **Families Matter** will have a fuller understanding of the dynamics in building authentic individual relationships with families in good and challenging times. The overall intent is for the entire team to weave the strengths of each family member. The desired result is that every child and parent can achieve a sense of success.



Participants in **Families Matter** can expect a deeper understanding of the underlying principles and practices in effective family engagement. Each family will be welcomed with a foundation of respect and trust as a platform for authentic relationships. This virtual event will discuss the use of strength-based approaches in creating truly meaningful relationships, regardless of individual family circumstances.

Families Matter will provide strategies and solutions in meeting the goals of the seven outcomes in the *Head Start Family Community Engagement Framework* (HSFCEF) in practical and positive ways. Time will be provided to discuss, address, and seek solutions to the ever-changing needs of individual families, especially during this difficult period. The T/TAS facilitating team is committed in reaffirming the key role of families in every Head Start program. Join us for this event as strategies, solutions, and ideas provide purpose and motivation for our work with families.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$425 per person. Members of **T/TAS@Your Service** may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$400 per person. (Please visit www.ttas.org for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including information on earning 0.7 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see page 4.

Learning Outcomes

- ★ Participants will gain a greater understanding of the role of families in Head Start's vision & mission.
- ★ Participants will learn the protective factors in understanding families.
- ★ Participants will use strength-based approaches for meaningful relationships.
- ★ Participants will explore the purpose in the seven outcomes within the HSFCEF.
- ★ Participants will create and apply strategies to meet the seven outcomes.

Your Presenters



Luis Hernandez, T/TAS Early Childhood Education Specialist, holds an M.A. in Bilingual/Multicultural Education from the University of San Francisco. Luis brings solid expertise to his position based on his work history in Head Start, child care, Pre-K programs, college and universities, child care resource and referral administration, and professional development design. Luis' work focuses on a wide range of early childhood education and professional development topics. His expertise includes early literacy, dual language learning, adult learning practices, changing demographics and diversity, and ECE management and partnership topics. As a regular presenter and keynote speaker at international, national, state, and local conferences, Luis is highly regarded **for his motivational and energizing presentations.**



Sherri Meyer, Early Childhood Education Specialist, has worked in many capacities in the early childhood field since 1992. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a Middle School Math Endorsement and a Master of Arts in Education in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education birth to age 5. Both of her degrees were earned at Western Kentucky University. She has worked with children of all ages from birth to school age in child care, Early Head Start, and Head Start. Sherri has much experience working with early care and education professionals in providing training and technical assistance both in Kentucky and around the country. She continues to enjoy being a part-time faculty at WKU's Applied Human Sciences FACS department at WKU working with individuals who are interested in the early childhood field. She enjoys spending time at the beach, spending time with her family, and doing projects around her home.

(T/TAS reserves the right to substitute presenters.)

IMPORTANT Participation and Technology Information Required to Participate

- ★ We **highly recommend participating from a desktop or laptop computer**, as opposed to a mobile device, for the best participation and audiovisual experience. A high speed internet connection is recommended as the training may be bandwidth intensive at times.
- ★ Participants must register individually and must have a valid and active individual e-mail address to participate. Groups of individuals cannot participate using a single e-mail address.
- ★ **This event will require you to access the T/TAS learning management system, **Adobe Captivate Prime**.**
 - Participants will be sent an email before the start date which will provide a link to login to Captivate Prime.

Tentative Agenda

Sessions are live. No recordings will be available.

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 – *Virtual Session*

11:30 AM-3 PM CT | 12:30-4 ET | 10:30-2 MT | 9:30-1 PT

- Understanding the philosophy and practices for family engagement
- Analyzing risk and protective factors in a family's life
- Using strength-based approaches for meaningful relationships

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – *Virtual Session*

11:30 AM-3 PM CT | 12:30-4 ET | 10:30-2 MT | 9:30-1 PT

- Explore the intentions within the seven outcome areas in the HSFCEF
- Create and apply strategies to address all outcomes in the HSFCEF

- The first time you use Captivate Prime, you will be required to use your email address to create an Adobe ID (if you already have an Adobe ID connected to your registered email address, you can use your current Adobe ID). Your T/TAS Captivate Prime account is a free service provided as part of the online course or virtual event, and you can use the same Adobe ID for future T/TAS events.
 - After you sign in to Captivate Prime, you will be able to access the event dashboard to download the agenda, the live Zoom Webinar URLs, any PDF materials, or suggested external resources.
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 - If you are participating in the live Zoom session on a *desktop or laptop computer*, you will find the Zoom link in your Captivate Prime training content. We recommend participants create a free Zoom account with their FIRST and LAST name before the event start date at <https://zoom.us/freesignup/>. You may be asked to install the free Zoom program file.
 - If you are participating in the live Zoom session on a *mobile device*, you will need to install the free Zoom Cloud Meetings app to join the session.
- ★ Participants may experience delays in accessing the training based upon the speed and reliability of their computer or mobile device and internet access.
- ★ Participants are responsible for completion of the event within the stated timeframe.

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Registration Deadline: Unless the event fills first, registrations for this virtual event must be received by **July 26, 2021.**

Enrollment is Limited: T/TAS cannot guarantee enrollment at virtual events. If available enrollment slots fill, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case space reopens due to cancellations.

Confirmation of Registration: Registrations can only be confirmed by e-mail. Please provide a unique email address for the participant. If an administrator needs to receive a copy of the confirmation, please include administrative email address on the Group Contact Profile. If you do not receive a confirmation within five days of registering for the event, please contact the T/TAS office at ttas.register@wku.edu or call 800-882-7482.

Cancellations/Substitutions Policy: To obtain a refund of registration fees (less \$75 enrollment charge), cancellations must be received by email to ttas.register@wku.edu by **July 26, 2021**. If you do not receive an email confirmation of your cancellation from T/TAS within 3 business days, you must call 800-882-7482

to confirm your cancellation email was received in order to be eligible for the refund. Substitutions can be made up to the cancellation deadline date. ***After the cancellation deadline date, no refunds will be provided.***

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