

PLEASE READ: *The Home-Based Pre-Institute* and *The 32nd Annual Home-Based Institute* are *separate* events that require individual registration for each. If you are registered for the Pre-Institute, your virtual event will begin on Tuesday, September 21. If you are NOT registered for the Pre-Institute, then you will begin on Wednesday, September 22.

2021 Virtual Edition of the Home-Based Pre-Institute

AGENDA

All sessions are live. No recordings will be available. Be sure you join the live sessions in your correct time zone. Check your time zone at <https://www.timeanddate.com/>

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM CT (plus independent study assignment prior to start date)

An Overview and Orientation to the Head Start Home-Based Option *Janet Buckley, MEd and Christopher Watkins, MA, MBA*

Overview and Orientation to the Head Start Home-Based Option is a comprehensive, intensive orientation to the home-based program option that will be of benefit for all new home visitors and to home visitors who would like a review or refresher course. Participants will receive an independent study assignment to complete prior to the virtual Pre-Institute.

2021 Virtual 32nd Annual Home-Based Institute

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Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00 - 10:00 AM CT

Opening Session

Your Communication Style: How Does It Affect Your Interactions with Families? *Janet Buckley, MEd and Christopher Watkins, MA, MBA*

Do you find that you are able to talk easily with some parents but with others you seem to be talking at cross purpose? Communication is the backbone of the Home-Based model: if you're not communicating, you're not educating; and Home -Head Start/Early Head Start is an adult education program. This interactive session will assist participants in identifying their communication style and discuss the strengths and barriers different styles of communication have when working with families.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

10:30 AM - NOON CT

Workshop Session I Choice

Enthusiasm! Energy! Drama! Joy! The Dynamics in Making Literacy Meaningful, *Luis Hernandez, MA*

How does a child fall in Love with language? The start of a lifelong learner begins with adults – parents and teachers – that model conversation, storytelling, reading books, and a passion for education. This session will explore practical ways to bring a sense of enthusiasm as language blooms in everyday experiences and interactions. Be the instigator of language development and learning!

Helping Families Understand Their Child’s Behavior (Birth to Five), *Amy Hood, EdD*

Do your families sometimes expect you to come in with a magic wand or sprinkle some magic dust around their homes to make their kids "behave better"? One of our roles as Home Visitors is to help families better understand Why they do what they do. Once we understand why the child is behaving a certain way, we can then help identify strategies that the families can use to guide their children. This session will examine our role in working with families to help "prevent" inappropriate behaviors and how to deal with them appropriately.



NOON - 1:00 PM CT

Break Period

1:00 - 2:30 PM CT

Workshop Session II Choice

Offering Services to Pregnant Women (EHS), *Amy Hood, EdD*

This session will allow participants to explore the various ways Early Head Start can provide services to pregnant women and their families. We will take the opportunity to examine the standards to ensure minimum requirements are being met, but also discuss how EHS can go above and beyond the minimum for our expectant families. Be sure to come with all your questions about prenatal services as this will be the best opportunity to ask, network, and take ideas and strategies home!

Planning the “Perfect” Home Visit, *Janet Buckley, MEd*

That hour and a half home visit can sometimes go past quickly, and other times seems to drag on – How do we bring all of Head Start/Early Head Start into the home once a week? This interactive workshop will look at all the components that should happen in a well-planned home visit – from knocking on the door to saying goodbye!

Thursday, September 23, 2021

9:00 - 10:15 AM CT

Plenary Session

Just Sayin': The Art and Skills in Active Listening with Families, Friends, and Each Other, Luis Hernandez, MA

We all engage in everyday communication with family members, friends, and co-workers. But in these interactions, is that person truly listening? And are you truly listening to them? Listening is a skill that requires attention and practice. It demonstrates that our attentiveness is a sign of respect for that what others are communicating. This session will provide examples and exercises in becoming a more aware and conscious active listener – a skill that can enhance our own communication. Be ready to listen!

10:30 AM - NOON CT

Workshop Session III Choice

The Role of the EHS Home Visitor, Amy Hood, EdD

Have you ever felt like you are more than just a home visitor to many families? Most of us do! We wear many hats and play many different roles with the families we serve. This session will allow us to explore the various roles and responsibilities we have as we work to provide quality services to our children and families, as well as our colleagues.

Refreshing the Passion for Home-Based: Recognizing Our Successes and Applying Solutions to Challenges, Luis Hernandez, MA

The steps in celebrating the successes of our work with families, begins with a few key elements. First, a Passion for the vision and values that Head Start brings to families in our communities – a passion that fuels our purpose in doing the work. That work also provides a platform for learning and adapting based on the challenges that everyday situations bring – we're always adjusting and creating. Lastly, the recognition of small and large steps of success with individual families – steps that bring joy and satisfaction for all. Join us for a conversation on everyday successes and steps in lifting solutions to challenges.



NOON - 1:00 PM CT

Break Period

Thursday, September 23, 2021 (continued)

1:00 – 2:30 PM CT

Workshop Session IV Choice

Incorporating Home-Based Responses in Focus Areas 1 and 2, Christopher Watkins, MA, MBA

Federal reviews – You love them, you hate them, but you can't operate a program without them! This workshop will focus upon plans to incorporate home-base into the tightly honed answers that the program has prepared in response to the notice of a Federal Review.

Planning and Implementing Home-Based Socializations, Janet Buckley, MEd

The twice monthly socializations are always a challenge – planning activities without knowing exactly who will be there and what they are interested in can be frustrating. This workshop will help home visitors link their home visit activities to socializations; discuss techniques for increasing socialization attendance; and develop a plan for a socialization.

