

THE VIRTUAL EDITION OF
The Head Start & Early Head Start
Home-Based Pre-Institute

September 21, 2021

and

The 32nd Annual Head Start & Early Head Start
Home-Based Institute

September 22-23, 2021



The Head Start & Early Head Start Home-Based Pre-Institute: An Overview and Orientation to the Head Start Home-Based Option

September 21, 2021

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

See Page 3 for details on *The 32nd Annual Home-Based Institute* on September 22-23, 2021.

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.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$210 per person. Members of T/TAS@Your Service may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$185 per person. (Please visit www.ttas.org for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering for this event, including information on earning .575 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), see page 8 of this brochure.

Learning Objectives

- ★ Participants will be introduced to and review the requirements for operating a Head Start or Early Head Start program using the home-based option.
- ★ Participants will review the Head Start Program Performance Standards and discuss techniques and strategies to implement the standards in Home-Based Head Start and Early Head Start.
- ★ Participants will receive information and materials about approaches and techniques in working with home-based families.

Your Presenters



Christopher Watkins, T/TAS Executive Director, has over 24 years' experience in providing training and consultation to Head Start grantees. He has developed and presented hundreds of management and supervision workshops. He has a Certificate in Non-Profit Management, an MA in Economics, an MBA, and a BA in Government.



Janet Buckley, Special Projects Consultant, has over 30 years of leadership experience in a variety of Head Start and other non-profit programs. She founded and manages the National Home Visitor Resource Center and her training materials on the home-based option have been disseminated nationally. She has a BA in Communications, a Master's in Education, and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management.

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The 32nd Annual Head Start & Early Head Start Home-Based Institute



Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM CT

**Opening Session
and Workshop Sessions I – II**

AND

Thursday, September 23, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM CT

**Plenary Session
and Workshop Sessions III - IV**

The Head Start & Early Head Start Home-Based Institute is a unique training event designed for new and veteran home visitors and other staff working in programs using the home-based model for delivery of Head Start or Early Head Start services. The Institute also welcomes those programs and staff who are interested in learning more about the Head Start home-based option or who are considering a home-based model as a temporary option. New home visitors, and home visitors who would like a review or refresher course, may also wish to attend **The Home-Based Pre-Institute on September 21, 2021.**

The National Home Visitor Resource Center and T/TAS have continued incorporating school readiness goals into workshops as appropriate.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$365 per person. Members of T/TAS@Your Service may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$320 per person. (Please visit www.ttas.org for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering for this event, including information on earning .825 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), see page 8 of this brochure.

Registrants are required to select their choice of workshop sessions in advance during registration.

Learning Outcomes

- ★ Participants will receive practical information and materials specific to the home-based program option.
- ★ Participants will share strategies and techniques for working with families in home-based programs.
- ★ Participants will increase their professional knowledge of appropriate methods and materials to use in the Head Start and/or Early Head Start Home-Based option.

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Luis Hernandez, 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 re-source and referral administration, and professional development design. Luis' work focuses on 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.



Dr. Amy S. Hood, Infant/Toddler & Early Childhood Specialist, has worked with Head Start and child care since 1988. She has an extensive educational background in early childhood development, with a BS in Child Development, an MA in Early Childhood, and a PhD in Child and Youth Studies. In addition to her work in Head Start, Dr. Hood teaches at Western Kentucky University.

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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

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

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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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 (Continued)

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.



Registering for T/TAS Events

It is easy to register for events sponsored by T/TAS! Register online for any T/TAS virtual event. Visit our web site at www.ttas.org, locate the event for which you wish to register, and then click on the Register button.

Payment Policy: *Payment or Purchase Order is due at time of registration.* Registrations received without copy of Purchase Order or payment by check or credit card will not be confirmed to participate in this virtual event.

Registration Deadline: Unless the event fills first, registrations for this virtual event must be received by **September 14, 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: *As of September 14, 2021, we are no longer providing refunds for cancellations for the 2021 Annual Home-Based Institute and Pre-Institute. As long as the registrant has not signed into the registered virtual event, we can accept substitutions by email to ttas.register@wku.edu.*

T/TAS reserves the right to cancel the event if enrollment criteria are not met or when conditions beyond our control prevail. In the event of cancellation, each registrant will be contacted. The liability of T/TAS is limited to the refund of registration fees only.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs): Western Kentucky University offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for participants successfully completing a T/TAS training seminar. To apply for CEUs, please complete the appropriate section of your registration form and include an additional fee of \$25 per person. Consult the event description to learn how many CEUs are offered for each event.

Photo/Video/Recording Policies: Recording or taking images of this event is not permitted. Participants of this event may be recorded. By registering for the event, authorization is given by you to be included in any recordings made of live webinar or meeting sessions of this event in connection with T/TAS' programs, publications, the Internet and public web sites. T/TAS and any employees, officers and associates, as well as any assignees, are released from any and all claims for damages for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or any other claim based on use of the above-described material(s).

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