

# VIP (Very Important Parent) Parent Committee Institute

## A Virtual Event

October 19-20, 2021

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM CT each day

(11:30-1:30 ET | 9:30-11:30 MT | 8:30-10:30 PT)



Often times Parent Committees are the untapped fertile ground of the advocacy building experience that could be for Head Start parents. This component of the Head Start shared governance structure should ensure that all parents have a significant decision-making experience that supports school readiness. With support from program leadership and other decision makers, that could be every parent's experience.

The successful Parent Committee provides a foundation for parents to embrace a leadership role in the Head Start program, in their child's educational pursuits, as well as in their community. This institute aligns with two of the Office of Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework's family engagement outcomes - "Parents as Advocates and Leaders" and "Family Connections to Peers and Community."

**VIP** provides parents and program staff the opportunity to review, revise, and renew their commitment to implementing parent-driven Parent Committees with program practices relevant for today's parents. Every aspect of this institute will emphasize the importance of parents individualizing the Parent Committee to meet their needs by working in concert with staff. Program parents and staff are encouraged to attend together.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$435 per person. Members of **T/TAS@Your Service** may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$400 per person. (Please visit [www.ttas.org](http://www.ttas.org) for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including information on earning 0.4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see page 3.

## Learning Objectives

- ★ Empower parents to embrace and take agency over the Parent Committee;
- ★ Explore staff perceptions of the Parent Committee and the specific tasks and roles parents play in the Parent Committee that incorporates leadership, advocacy, and networking;
- ★ Develop creative strategies to get more families engaged in the Parent Committee;
- ★ Explore ways to ensure each parent has a significant decision-making experience throughout the program;
- ★ Gain a better understanding of the importance of the relationship between school readiness and the Parent Committee and parent transitions; and
- ★ Increase the knowledge of regulations, guidelines, and best practices relative to the Parent Committee.

## Your Presenters



**Robin Gadsden-Dupree**, Ed.D, Family & Community Partnership Specialist, comes from a family of strong community activists. Her career has been devoted to working with children and families by reaffirming their strengths, values, culture, and community. Since 1977, Robin has worked in the Early Childhood profession as a pre-school teacher, day care director, infant/toddler family home provider, college campus child care director, college adjunct professor, Head Start home visitor, and Head Start Director. Robin has an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership and Higher Educational Leadership and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Early Childhood Education. She is a certified teacher in nursery and K-6 in New York and Tennessee, and is CLASS reliable. She is a certified teacher in nursery and K-6 in New York.



**Krystal Heinzen Lindsey**, JD, BA, is a Management Specialist with WKU T/TAS. In that capacity, she works with Head Start and Early Head Start Board and Policy Members, Management, and Staff in developing and implementing program systems which support high quality services. Through both onsite training opportunities and conducting workshops, she leads sessions in the service areas of Governance, ERSEA, Family Services, and Program Management. Krystal feels the most fulfilling aspect of her work is meeting caring, passionate professionals across the country that work tirelessly to help change the lives of families in their community. Her educational background includes a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, FL and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Howard University in Washington D.C. In addition to working with various grant funded organizations across the country, she is engaged in her community in Houston, TX as a community leader and volunteer.

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

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### Tentative Agenda

**Sessions are live. No recordings will be available.**

#### Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – Zoom Session

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM CT (equals 11:30-1:30 ET | 9:30-11:30 MT | 8:30-10:30 PT)

- Introduction and Training Overview
  - History, Spirit, and Intent of the Parent Committee
  - Learning Outcomes
  - PFCE Framework Overview
- Parent Committee Requirements – *Relevant Regulations*
- Promoting the Parent Committee – *Who, When, How?*
- Real World, Real Words from Parents – *Hear from Real Parents*

#### Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – Zoom Session

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM CT (equals 11:30-1:30 ET | 9:30-11:30 MT | 8:30-10:30 PT)

- Staff and Parent Perceptions of the Parent Committee
- Parent Committee Structures – *Setup and Visualization*
  - Parent Led Agenda - Content
  - Timeframe - How Often, How Long?
  - Virtual, Face to Face, Teleconference
- Ideas for Successful Parent Committee
- Parent Transitions - Resumes, Leadership Opportunities in Public, Schools, etc.

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