

Family Engagement Conference

This Family Engagement Conference is a strategic plan for Head Start programs. All Head Start staff regardless of their roles or responsibilities who attend the conference, will understand the PFCE framework and be able to implement the framework across systems and service areas that promote Head Start children's learning and development. Participants will:

- Find the conference useful in planning and implementing systematic, integrated parent engagement activities
- Learn to analyze the effectiveness of current practices that support parent engagement
- Learn to train policy council members, staff and parents in a dialogue to create a profile of their program's parent engagement activities
- Learn to engage staff who are discouraged when parents don't come into the center for activities as well as learn to gain fresh perspective on what parent engagement means
- Learn to relate to families as they carry out their daily work and discover how each of their interactions with parents contribute to parent engagement with the program.



Conference Location:
Melia Hotel Atlanta
590 West Peachtree Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30308
Phone: 404-877-9000
HSU Sleeping Room Rate: \$109.00 a night
Conference Date: April 23-26, 2012



Learn to engage parents to support quality child outcomes!

Learn to develop program engagement opportunities...

...That support parents who are engaged in their child's education, their program and their community!



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Implementing the PFCE Framework

April 23-26, 2012

Atlanta, GA



Parent engagement benefits children in several ways. We all know the saying, "Parents are their children's first and most important teachers." Children learn not only from the active instruction their parents give them but also from what they observe their parents doing from the way their parents talk to them and behave toward them and from the home life their parents provide them. There is a direct benefit from parents working with Head Start staff, so that more can be accomplished for their children.

This conference will focus on what the PFCE Framework means and how your program can develop a continuum of engagement practice strategies. This conference is designed to follow the **NEW! Parent, Family and Community Engagement (PFCE) framework** and will:

- Help staff create strength-based and family-driven collaborative partnership building
- Help staff enhance parenting skills by providing educational and developmental activities
- Help staff provide opportunities for children and families to participate in literacy services and activities critical to literacy development.



Ensure positive family engagement outcomes...



This conference will help you ensure children should be ready for school and sustain development and learning gains through the third grade!

This four day conference is designed to ground you in the essentials to engage families.

- Session 1—Defining Family Engagement for systematic integration.** This session will help programs apply a broad definition of family engagement to their daily interactions with parents. Participants will learn to define goals of Head Start's renewed vision for family engagement that support those goals
- Session 2—Individualizing Family Engagement.** This session will help participants learn to interact with children and families using practices and behaviors which promote belonging and invite participation. You will practice adapting family engagement activities to make them more inviting and accessible for individual parents.
- Session 3—Understanding Family Partnerships and Family Support.** You will learn how working with families is a collaborative process, how to recognize a family's readiness, interests, strengths and needs and individualize the family process, how to identify philosophies that are supportive of families and apply them in your work and select and use appropriate family partnership steps.
- Session 4—Conducting Family Assessments.** During this session you will understand the assessment process and how to use assessments to determine needs and services.
- Session 5—Identifying Family Strengths.** This session provides you with assessment methods of identifying strengths and needed services. You will learn the strength-oriented approach to assessment and how to encourage trusting partnerships and learn to support families through the partnership process by exploring family growth and development and recognize how families change, grow and develop over time.
- Session 6—Identifying Families in Crisis & Goal Setting.** This session uses several tools to assist you in helping the family identify goals. You will learn how to initiate family goal setting by building on information obtained in assessments. You will learn how to use goal indicators for ensuring plans are developed in a way that is within families abilities. It will help you identify families experiencing stressful, crisis producing situations, find solutions to issues causing crisis, plan intervention responses to stabilize families in crisis and collaborate with crisis intervention programs and community resources.
- Session 7—Remaining Professional.** This session addresses roles and boundaries in family support. You will learn about confidentiality issues and mandated reporting requirements. Tools will be presented to help with documentation of partnership process and maintaining necessary and required records.
- Session 8—Sharing Responsibility.** This session teaches students how to use effective listening skills to identify how other staff members contribute to support family engagement to build a strategy to create common understanding of a program's strengths in family engagement.
- Session 9—Defining Teaching and Learning Strategies.** This session will identify a wide range of skills and information within the program parent education and use the data as a framework for individualizing parenting education opportunities.
- Session 10—Transition and Change.** This session will evaluate the impact of transitions on individuals and how they are helped by various internal and external supports as well as develop strategies to involve all staff in continuously supporting children and families as they experience transitions.
- And much, much more. Call for a more detail agenda!

Registration Information

5 easy ways to register:

By PHONE
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ON-LINE
Enroll at www.hsuniversity.org

By E-MAIL
mdavis@hsuniversity.org

By FAX
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By MAIL
Complete and mail form to:
HS University
P.O. Box 2482
Cordova, TN 38088-2482

What ever your method of registration, be sure to enroll right away since space is limited. As soon as we receive your registration, we'll send you a registration confirmation. To register, mail or fax the registration form to (901) 748-0297 or call (888) 282-7817. You may email the registration information to mdavis@hsuniversity.org. Registrants will be notified if a course is over subscribed or canceled. If not notified to the contrary, your registration has been accepted.

Payment: Payment must be received two weeks prior to workshop date unless other arrangements are made in advance. POs are accepted, but PO must be cleared prior to training.

Cancellation or Substitution. Cancellations received at least fifteen business days prior to workshop are refundable, minus a \$25 registration service charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire workshop fee, which you may apply toward a future workshop. Please note that if you don't cancel and don't attend, you are still responsible for payments. Substitutions may be made at any time. If for any reason we are required to cancel a workshop, our liability is limited to the return of the registration fee only.

HSU will award (4.0 CEUs) Continuing Education Units for this training. To register for CEUs, please mark the appropriate box on the Registration Form and include an additional \$25 per person in your payment.

Your satisfaction guaranteed! Your complete satisfaction is important to us. If you are dissatisfied for any reason, you may attend this workshop again for FREE!

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Please list additional registrations on separate sheet and attach.

<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Day Conference - Family Engagement	
	April 23-24, 2012	\$495.00 per person
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Day Conference - Family Engagement	
	April 23-25, 2012	\$695.00 per person
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	April 23-26, 2012	\$895.00 per person
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	April 23-26, 2012	\$1495.00 per person
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Day On-Site Credential Program	\$14,995.00 (For 10 people)
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*Credential Price includes: 4 days of training (40 hours), exam fees, candidate application fee, a detailed course manuals with student handbook and STAR Alliance memberships!

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