

Head Start 21st Century Exploring Parenting Institute

May 15-17, 2012

Hyatt Regency

Savannah, Georgia

Being a parent is the most important job that one can have. Parenting truly involves on-the-job training and is the most rewarding, yet most demanding, job anyone will ever have.

The 21st Century Exploring Parenting program is designed to help staff support parents with the most rewarding, yet most demanding job, they will ever have . . . being parents. This curriculum is facilitated by Head Start staff and is designed to help parents become more aware of what they are already doing well, provides a support group in which to examine alternative ideas and techniques for parenting, and offers suggestions for positive parent/child interactions in everyday settings.

This Institute is designed for Head Start Parent Involvement, Family Services, and Management staff that support families as their child's first, and most important, teachers.

There are three major goals for the 21st Century Exploring Parenting Program:

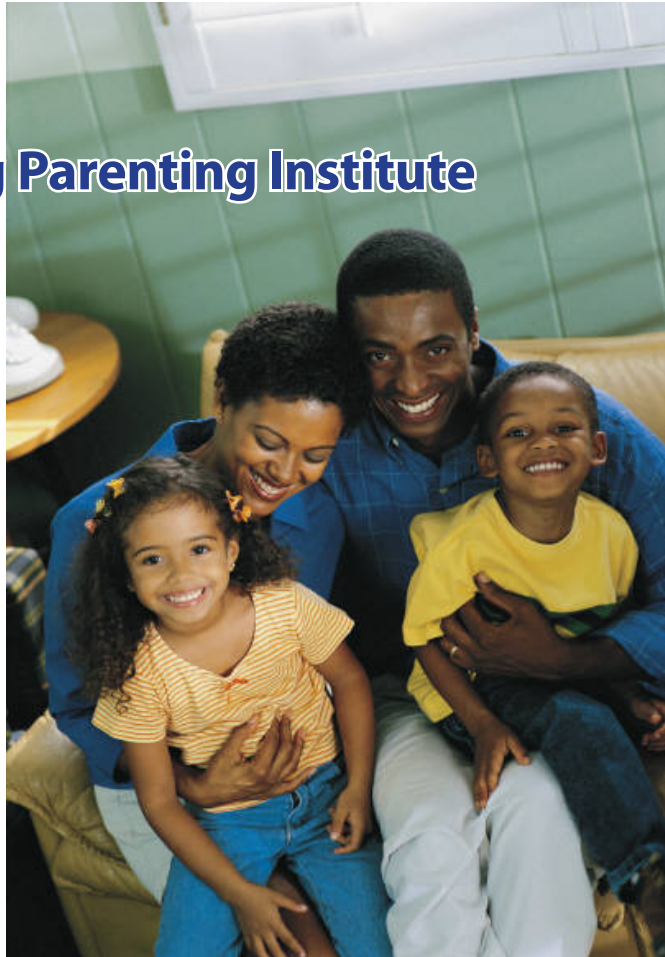
- To get to know yourself better. In order to recognize and respond to the needs of their children, parents need a complete and secure sense of themselves – who they are, where they came from, and where they are going. The 21st Century Exploring Parenting Program inspires belief and hope – belief in a parent's own instincts and abilities and hope for a better future for themselves, their children, and their families.
- To get to know your child better. When parents really know their child, they are able to support, guide and care for her/him appropriately. In order to enhance their knowledge of their child and improve their communication and interactions, parents need opportunities to improve their observation skills and tune in to their reactions to their child's behavior.
- To use this knowledge in making decisions about how to raise your child. Each day parents make decisions about childrearing. The more knowledge they have about themselves and their child, the more effective those decisions are likely to be.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$425 per person. Members of **T/TAS@Your Service** may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$400 per person. (Some restrictions may apply based on the level of your subscription; please visit www.ttas.org/ays.html for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including information on earning 1.825 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see page 3.

Learning Outcomes

The 21st Century Exploring Parenting Institute will provide participants with:

- ★ An overview of the 21st Century Exploring Parenting curriculum and timeline for implementation
- ★ Guidance on how to plan and conduct each session
- ★ Information on the role of facilitator
- ★ Strategies to engage parents
- ★ The opportunity to practice facilitation skills and receive feedback from peers



Your Presenters



Jennifer Pecot, Family and Community Partnerships Specialist, provides training and technical assistance in the areas of parent and community involvement, family partnership agreements, ERSEA, fatherhood initiatives and health and nutrition in family services. She has extensive experience training Head Start/EHS Boards and Policy Councils. Jennifer has a BS degree in Human Development from Seattle University, and is certified in all four modules of the PITC program for infant/toddler services. She served as the Lead for the development of the Head Start Social Services Training Guides under the auspices of the National Alliance for Business, and has provided training and technical assistance to Head Start programs and groups across the country for over 25 years. From 2003 to 2005, Jennifer provided leadership for a special fatherhood project at the National Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families in Washington, DC.



Robin Gadsden-Dupree, Family and Community Partnership Specialist, is a native New Yorker and 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.

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

Hotel Accommodations

The Hyatt Regency Savannah is located at Two West Bay Street in Savannah, Georgia. Hotel accommodations are available at the special conference rate of \$97 per night for single or \$122 per night double occupancy (plus applicable taxes). To qualify for the special conference rate, please state that you will be attending the Head Start Exploring Parenting Institute when making your reservations. Please make your hotel reservations no later than April 12, 2012 by calling 888-421-1442, or on-line at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=4100473.

The room block will be held until the stated deadline or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Please note that room blocks often fill very quickly. Reservations made after the stated deadline will only be accepted by the hotel on a space and prevailing rate available basis. Please consult the hotel for information on their specific cancellation policies, to learn about additional charges that may apply to hotel guests (i.e., parking fees, local phone charges, internet access fees, etc.), and to learn about available amenities, such as room service, in-house dining, and area attractions.

Tentative Agenda

May 15, 2012

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration

8:30 - Noon

Orientation to the 21st Century Exploring Parenting Curriculum

Overview of Session 1: Our Family Story, "Our Stories Keep Us Connected."

Small Group Session: The Family Story Book

Orientation to Small Group Workshop

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30-5:00 p.m.

Overview/Modeling of Session 2, "Getting Involved in Your Child's World"

Looking at the Facilitator's Role

Preparation for Peer Facilitation

Reflection and Feedback

May 16, 2012

8:30 a.m. -Noon

Large Group Community Building

Experiential Learning Cycle

Preparation for Peer Facilitation

Peer Facilitation of Session 3, "Communicating with Your Child"

Group Feedback

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30-5:00 p.m.

Large Group Energizer

Peer Facilitation of Session 4, "Dealing with Feelings"

Group Feedback

Peer Facilitation of Session 5, "What is Development"

Group Feedback

Reflection and Feedback

May 17, 2012

8:30 a.m.-Noon

Large Group Community Building

Small Group Check-in

Peer Facilitation of Session 6, "Nurturing Development Through Play"

Group Feedback

Peer Facilitation of Session 9, "Coping With Stress"

Group Feedback

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Father Involvement and Recruitment Issues

Planning and Preparation: Secrets of Success

Large Group Closure Activity

Registering for T/TAS Events

It is easy to register for events sponsored by T/TAS. There are three methods for registering:

- ★ **To Register On-Line:** To register for any T/TAS event, visit our web site at www.ttas.org/calendar.html, locate the event you wish to register for, and then click on the Register button.
- ★ **To Register By Mail:** Complete and return the attached Registration Form with check, money order, or Purchase Order (made out to T/TAS), or with Credit Card info (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) to: **T/TAS, 1906 College Heights Boulevard, #11031, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101-1031.**
- ★ **To Register By Fax:** Complete and fax the attached Registration Form with Purchase Order or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) information to our office at 270-745-3340 or 270-745-2142.

Registration forms will not be processed unless accompanied by payment, credit card info, or Purchase Order. Registrations will be accepted until events fill.

Enrollment is Limited: T/TAS cannot guarantee enrollment at events. In the event that available enrollment slots fill, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case space reopens due to cancellations. **We recommend you do not make hotel or travel arrangements until you receive your registration confirmation.** T/TAS is not liable for any hotel or travel penalties or fees that may be incurred by participants or registrants.

Confirmation of Registration: Registrations can only be confirmed by e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address on the registration form if you wish to receive a confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation within five days of registering for the event, please contact Mike Hartz at 800-882-7482.

Cancellations/Substitutions Policy: If you cancel your registration *in writing* 10 or more business days before the event, registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 enrollment charge. No refunds will be made less than 10 business days prior to the event; however, you may designate a substitute to attend in your place. 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.

T/TAS Also Brings the Training to You

Did you know that T/TAS is also a leading provider of **on-site** professional development opportunities? Our knowledgeable experts deliver the same high-quality training and materials in your local program setting, reaching all of your staff at a cost competitive with the cost of sending just a few to a conference or seminar. Most of the events on our training schedule can be adapted for presentation to your local program or to a cluster of programs in your geographic area. T/TAS also specializes in adapting our training style and content to meet the specific needs of your program, staff, and colleagues. To learn more, to discuss your local training needs, or to schedule training, call **800-882-7482**.





Event Registration Form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS AND PRINT NAME & POSITION of person attending exactly as it should appear on the name tag. Copy form as necessary for registering additional persons.

Name: _____ Position: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Agency/Program: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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EVENT	SELECT FEE(S)
Head Start 21st Century Exploring Parenting Institute May 15-17, 2012 Hyatt Regency Savannah, Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Registration: \$425 <input type="checkbox"/> TTAS@Your Service Subscribers: \$400* <input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting 1.825 CEUs (18.25 contact hours) from Western Kentucky University and include an additional \$25 in payment.

* Subscribers, please include **T/TAS@Your Service** Enrollment No. _____. Some restrictions may apply; visit www.ttas.org/ays.html for information on becoming a subscriber.

Room blocks often fill quickly; please make your hotel reservations by the date listed in the conference descriptions.

CHECK METHOD OF PAYMENT (Forms will not be processed unless accompanied by payment):

- Check payable to T/TAS.
- Purchase Order No. _____ payable to T/TAS.
- Credit Card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover only): _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
 Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Visa Card Users, please include 3-digit CV number from back of card: _____

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS:
Do you have any disability that requires special materials or services?
Do you have a special dietary need?

Cancellations: To obtain a refund of registration fees (less \$25 enrollment charge), cancellations must be received **in writing** 10 working days prior to the start of the event.

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