

# Parent Engagement: The Family Partnership Journey Continues

June 26-27, 2012  
Sheraton Austin at the Capitol  
Austin, Texas

For the past six years, Training and Technical Assistance Services (T/TAS) at Western Kentucky University has offered the Family Partnership Agreement (FPA) Institute to the Head Start and Early Head Start communities. This institute was the initial step in an on-going dialogue designed for engaging parents in the FPA process. Now, we are pleased to offer the next step... **Parent Engagement: The Family Partnership Journey Continues**, designed to expand your knowledge and provide opportunities to put theory into simulated practice through experiential activities, positive feedback, small group activities, and time to reflect and plan.

Getting parents engaged, excited, and passionate about their role in the Head Start and/or Early Head Start program is paramount to a successful experience for both the children and their families. Family Service staff members are confronted with many areas of responsibility, primary among them being the ability to understand the family assessment and the development of family partnership agreements. With high caseloads, family service staff can feel overwhelmed, stressed, and in a time crunch to "get it all done."

The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 outlines a clear definition of family literacy, and each of the four areas of family literacy highlight parent engagement and partnerships, all of which can be fully integrated into the Head Start/Early Head Start program. **Parent Engagement: The Family Partnership Journey Continues** will address the specific areas that can be woven into the Parent Committee, the FPA process, and other areas of the program. This next step will offer strategies on enhancing key areas that engage parents and promote partnerships, including Parent Orientations, the Parent Committee, application/enrollment time, home visits, and first meetings.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$395 per person. Members of T/TAS@ Your Service may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$375 per person. (Some restrictions may apply based on the level of your subscription; please visit [www.ttas.org/ays.html](http://www.ttas.org/ays.html) for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including information on earning 1.10 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see Page 3.

## Learning Outcomes

- ★ Participants will broaden their definition of family partnerships beyond the FPA.
- ★ Participants will develop a greater understanding of the importance of relationships between parents and staff.
- ★ Participants will review the mandated components of the 2007 Head Start School Readiness Act on family literacy that can be integrated in family partnership agreements and parent engagement.
- ★ Participants will practice walking in the shoes of a parent and/or family service staff member.
- ★ Participants will explore the building blocks of family support and the principles of reframing them.
- ★ Participants will re-examine the Performance Standards requirements for the Head Start Parent Committee.



## Your Presenters



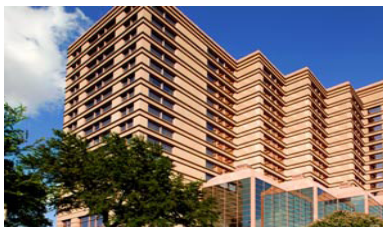
**Robin Gadsden-Dupree**, Family and Community Partnership Specialist, is a native New Yorker and comes from a family of strong community activists. Her career has been devoted to working with children and families by reaffirming their strengths, values, culture, and community. Since 1977, Robin has 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.



**Gail Elleby**, Management Specialist, holds Masters' degrees in Public Administration and Sports Administration. Her areas of focus include non-profit board development, collaboration, strategic planning, volunteer programs, program evaluation/monitoring, and non-profit agency relations. Gail's recent work centers on family literacy, leadership development, managing change, conflict resolution, strategic planning, board governance, and program management systems.

*(TTAS reserves the right to substitute presenters.)*

## Hotel Accommodations



The Sheraton Austin at the Capital is located at 701 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Hotel accommodations are available at the

special conference rate of \$108 per night for single or double occupancy (plus applicable taxes). To qualify for the special conference rate, please state that you will be attending the TTAS Head Start Parent Engagement Institute. Please make your hotel reservations no later than May 26, 2012 by calling 1-888-627-8349. To book hotel reservations online visit <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1111213463&key=BF23D>.

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.

The Sheraton Austin at the Capitol is in the heart of the Red River District in downtown Austin and next door to the Texas Capitol Building. The Red River District is a music lovers' paradise unveiling three blocks of the city's best live music venues. The Sheraton Austin hotel is within walking distance of antique and boutique shopping in the West End, Austin City Limits (ACL), South of Congress and Sixth Street. The University of Texas and Austin-Bergstrom International Airport are a short drive from the hotel.

## Tentative Agenda

### June 26, 2012

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| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration  |
| 9:00 – Noon      | Introduction and Training Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose and Scope</li> <li>• Learning Outcomes</li> <li>• A Look at The Family Partnership Agreement Process</li> </ul> Small Group Activity -- <i>Parent Orientations</i><br>Feedback and Debriefing<br>Small Group Activity -- <i>Parent Committee</i><br>Feedback and Debriefing |
| Noon – 1:30 p.m. | <b>Networking Luncheon</b>  |
| 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Small Group Activity -- <i>Application/Enrollment</i><br>Feedback and Debriefing<br>Small Group Activity -- <i>Home Visits</i><br>Feedback and Debriefing<br>Question and Answer Session  |

### June 27, 2012

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| 8:00 a.m. - Noon | Reflections, Questions, and Clarifications<br><br>The Parent Committee Revisited<br><br>Financial Literacy: A Component of Family Literacy |
| Noon – 1:15 p.m. | Lunch on Your Own  |
| 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. | Financial Literacy Continues<br><br>Question and Answer Session  |

# Registering for T/TAS Events

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- ★ **To Register On-Line:** To register for any T/TAS event, visit our web site at [www.ttas.org/calendar.html](http://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.

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# 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)
<b>Parent Engagement: The Family Partnership Journey Continues</b> June 26-27, 2012 Sheraton Austin at the Capitol Austin, Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Registration: \$395 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TTAS@Your Service</b> Subscribers: \$375*  <input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting 1.10 CEUs (11.0 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](http://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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