

On the Road to Excellence! Quality Best Practices in Every Classroom

April 11-12, 2012
The Westin Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

Throughout the **On the Road to Excellence: Quality Best Practices in Every Classroom** training event, participants will receive information, tools, and strategies that promote best practices, quality services, and positive learning outcomes. For those responsible for teaching young children, part of your professional development path is to continuously create and improve the learning experiences of every young child with whom you interact in the classroom. As teaching teams individualize, plan for small groups, and create a community of engaged learners, the implementation of curriculum and assessment systems is key.

During the **Road to Excellence** seminar, we will discuss how effective teaching teams collect and share observations, document development and growth, and plan for quality learning experiences. These teaching teams are guided by a vision of quality and excellence in all their deliberations and implementation processes. The action steps gained at this seminar strive for excellence and will guide programs down the road to program improvement.

Energizing and improving children's preparation for school readiness is a national priority. As we travel down the Road to Excellence, we will identify the various characteristics that make early childhood learning settings successful and also provide the greatest difference for participating children. Discussion, reflection, and research will help participants understand the critical importance of their current work and the possible steps to make realistic and meaningful improvements.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$295 per person. Members of **T/TAS@Your Service** may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$280 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 1.05 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see page 3.

Learning Outcomes

- ★ Participants will better understand how their skills and responsibilities as managers and teachers can be used to create quality early childhood education programming.
- ★ Participants will gain skills and learn about strategies designed to enhance their teaching in creative and challenging ways.
- ★ Participants will receive information on the best methods to meet the mandates outlined in the updated Head Start Learning Outcomes Framework.
- ★ Participants will obtain knowledge on CLASS-related observations on job performance, relationships, and teaching strategies and their impact on children's school readiness.



Your Presenter



Luis Hernandez, Early Childhood Education Specialist, holds an M.A. in Bilingual/Multicultural Education from the University of San Francisco. Based on his work history in Head Start, child care, pre-K programs, college and universities, child care resource and referral administration, and professional development design, Luis brings solid expertise to his position.

Luis' work focuses on a wide range of early childhood education and professional development topics. His expertise includes ECE management and partnership topics, early literacy, dual language learning, adult learning practices, changing demographics, and diversity. As a regular presenter and keynote speaker at national, state, and local conferences, Luis is highly regarded for his motivational and energizing presentations.

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

Hotel Accommodations

The Westin Riverwalk is located at 420 W. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Hotel accommodations are available at the special conference rate of \$106 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 Head Start Road to Excellence Meeting. Please make your hotel reservations no later than March 9, 2012 by calling 1-888-627-8396 or you may reserve your hotel accommodations online at:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1109135886&key=292EE>.

The Head Start Road to Excellence 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.



Welcome to San Antonio's Paseo del Rio, a pedestrian river walk of hidden gardens, shops, and sidewalk cafes located one story below downtown! Shaded by cypress and palm trees, the Westin Riverwalk graces this famous thoroughfare and celebrates the beauty and heritage of Texas' oldest city. Nearby attractions include the historic Alamo, La Villita-a historic arts village, the Yanaguana Riverboat Cruises, and much, much more.

Tentative Agenda

April 11, 2012

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 – Noon Defining Quality Best Practices in ECE settings
 - Working with the updated Outcomes Framework
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Creating Great Teaching Practices
 - Challenging Children's Learning and Thinking

April 12, 2012

- 8:30 – Noon The Great Circle: Observations, Assessment, Curriculum, Planning
 - Relationships as the key for individualization
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Dealing with the achievement gap
 - Social and emotional support
 - Next steps/summary

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)
<p>On the Road to Excellence! Quality Best Practices in Every Classroom April 11-12, 2012 The Westin Riverwalk San Antonio, Texas</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard Registration: \$295 <input type="checkbox"/> TTAS@Your Service Subscribers: \$280* <input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting 1.05 CEUs (10.5 contact hours) from Western Kentucky University and include an additional \$25 in payment.</p>

* 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: _ _ _

Return to: T/TAS
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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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