



Dear Webinar Participant:

We are glad that you will join us for the *Benefits of Hiring an Early Head Start Start-Up Planner* webinar on July 22 at 2:00 PM EDT.

The attached documents will be used during the webinar presentation:

- Presenter Biographies
- PowerPoint Presentation Slides
- Instructions for the Early Head Start Start-Up Planner Database
- Early Head Start Resources Website Links

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at ehsstartup@zerotothree.org.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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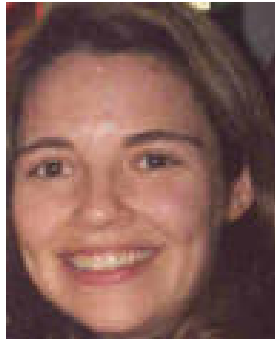
Closing Remarks

Angie Godfrey

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MODERATOR

Amanda Schwartz



Amanda Schwartz, Senior Training Specialist
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Christina Benjamin



Christina Benjamin is a Senior Training/Project Specialist at ZERO TO THREE where she provides training and support to Early Head Start (EHS) Start-Up Planners for new EHS programs. For the past seven years, Christina has been involved in cultivating relationships and collaborating with community-based organizations and businesses to improve health, education, and social support services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Her work in this area includes being a Special Project Public Health Intern and Consultant with the Early Head Start National Resource Center where she designed and developed health education and health promotion curricula and resources addressing nutrition, physical activity, child development and breastfeeding for EHS and Head Start program staff, families, and children. Her volunteer activities include providing educational programs and support to Bright Beginnings, an EHS and Head Start program, in D.C. that serves children of families who are homeless or living in transitional housing. Christina also teaches undergraduate health education courses as an Adjunct Faculty member at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. She completed her Master's degree in Public Health specializing in Maternal and Child Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and is also a Certified Health Education Specialist.

Jeanne Dengate



Jeanne Dengate is the Director of The Tulalip Tribes Birth to Three Child Care Center. Before working for The Tulalip Tribes Jeanne owned and managed 2 Montessori Pre-School Child Care Centers. She has been employed with Tulalip Tribes for 15 years, first as a Montessori Pre-School Teacher and currently director of the child care center. She also manages the Child Care Development Fund Grant for Tulalip Tribes. She is involved with her local County and State Early Learning Committees and the Washington State Infant Mental Health Consultation Group. Jeanne has been in Early Childhood Education and Family Support for over 32 years. She is the liaison for Little Red School House-an Early Intervention Program that works with birth to three on the reservation and is a Family Resource Coordinator. She has been on the National Indian Child Care Association Board for the last 3 years representing Oregon, WA and Idaho and hopes to continue to be a strong Child Advocate for many more years. Jeanne is presently acting Early Head Start Director for the Tribe and is beginning the intense and interesting process of starting a new Early Head Start program for Tulalip.

Angie Godfrey



Angie Godfrey brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her role as Infant/Toddler Program Specialist at the Office of Head Start (OHS). Prior to joining OHS in December 2008, Angie was the Director of the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Technical Assistance Project where she worked for 5 years. Prior to that, she served as the Senior Early Childhood Associate for AIAN, providing support to 44 Early Head Start grantees. Angie also taught infant and toddler courses for Early Head Start and child care providers as adjunct faculty at Northern Virginia Community College. She is the former Director of Alexandria Head Start in Alexandria, VA.

Carol J. Mills



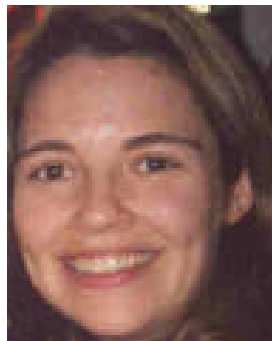
Carol J. Mills presently works at ZERO TO THREE with the Start-Up Planner Project as a Senior Training Specialist. Carol has work experience in training, counseling and teaching. Her professional work history includes being a T/TA provider, federal reviewer, and Head Start director. She also is a certified Early Intervention Specialist and Mental Health Counselor. Most of her work has been servicing Tribal communities and families.

Deb Shuey



Debbie has 25 years experience in the education field. She began her career in nursing and has primarily worked in community, school, and public health. She continued her education and secured a degree in human resource management. She was part of the management team at a new Tribal Head Start program and throughout her tenure she coordinated all content areas within the last three years as the Early Childhood Director. Debbie has strong management and leadership skills that have been developed throughout years of experience in the health, mental health, education, and social service fields. The last few years she traveled throughout Alaska offering training and technical assistance for Region XI and Region X Grantees. In her new role as a Start-Up Planner, Debbie has been able to reach out to many programs as a private consultant with her Lighthouse Consultation Services business. She believes in providing customized, collaborative, culturally responsive support to all of her clients.

Amanda Schwartz



Amanda Schwartz, Ph.D. has worked as an educator and Federal contractor for the last 14 years. While her expertise is focused on special education and early childhood education, Dr. Schwartz has worked on general education, health, and emergency preparedness issues related to children and families. As a team member on several Federal projects Dr.

Schwartz worked in technical assistance, resource development, research, and monitoring. Most recently, she consulted with the Early Head Start National Resource Center supporting the Early Head Start Orientations co-presenting disabilities and mental health sessions with Amy Hunter. Throughout her career, Dr. Schwartz has developed training opportunities and publications to facilitate the use of research-based interventions and support data-driven decision-making by practitioners, technical assistance providers, and Federal staff in the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Rita Schwarz



Rita Schwarz has over 40 years of experience working with Head Start at the Federal and regional level as Federal staff and as a technical assistance provider. She is currently the Project Manager for the EHS Start-Up Planner Project. Prior to coming to the Project, she managed the State-Based Training Office in Arizona and was a local TA Specialist providing technical assistance to Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Arizona and California. She has served as Chief of the Program Management and Operations Branch for the Head Start Bureau in Washington, DC and she served for nearly 20 years as a Head Start Program Specialist and a Supervisory Program Specialist in the ACF Region III office in Philadelphia. Rita has a Masters in Public Administration from Temple University.

Early Head Start Resources Website Links

Office of Head Start

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>

Early Head Start National Resource Center

<http://www.headstartresourcecenter.org/>

Early Head Start Start-Up Planner Project Landing Page

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Early%20Head%20Start/Start-Up%20Planner/EarlyHeadStart.htm>

Early Head Start Start-Up Planner Database

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/ECLKC/hsd/EHSStartupConsultants>