

# 2024 NATIONAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT



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## OCTOBER 9, 2024 – WEDNESDAY

**8:00am –12:45pm:** Early registration / check-in

**12:45pm – 3:00pm:** Welcome / Opening Ceremony / Featured Keynote – Keisha Knight Pulliam (Ballroom)

### 3:15pm – 4:15pm (Breakout Sessions)

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
<b>From Good to Great:</b> Creating a School where Staff Strive and where Students and Families Thrive.	Ginny Gills	Academy
<b>The CLIMB:</b> Engaging Parents, Students and the Community in a Meaningful Way	Dr. Dennis Williams, Jr.	Franklin
Using Unconditional Positive Regard for families and staff	Holly Calhoun	Forsyth
Is Your School Father Friendly? Why or Why Not.	Keith Schumacher	Plaza
Building Effective Partnerships	Thea Faulkner	Pulaski
<b>Empowering Educational Equity:</b> Best Practices for Family Engagement	Dr. MariaRosa Rangel, Dr. Will Chavis	Olgethorpe AB
Top Ten Practices to Innovate and Elevate Your Family & Community Engagement	Amy Rovai Gregory, Elizabeth Lopez	Chatham
<b>Empowering Families:</b> Building Resilience in the Face of Housing Insecurity	Phoebe Grant-Robinson	Ballroom

## 4:30pm–5:30pm (Breakout Sessions)

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
<b>Compliance Like a Rock Star!</b> Title I Monitoring That Will Make You Shine	Kish Russel-Yo Quelet	<b>Academy</b>
<b>Engage! Equip! Empower!</b> High Yield Strategies to Maximize Student Achievement Outcomes	Dr. Chisel Valdez	<b>Franklin</b>
<b>Supporting Student Engagement:</b> As Easy as ABC (Attendance, Behavior, and Counseling)	Lorraine Schlichte Angela Flowers	<b>Forsyth</b>
<b>Why Dads Don’s Show Up</b> – and How to Fix It.	Keith Schumacher	<b>Plaza</b>
<b>Better Together:</b> 5 Keys to Forging Strong Family Engagement	Dr. Lindsay Whitely	<b>Pulaski</b>
<b>Using What You Got to Get What You Need:</b> An Integrated Approach to Engaging Families	Jordan Goines, Sam Yuom, Alesha Cayce	<b>Oglethorpe AB</b>
<b>Together We Thrive:</b> Engaging and Empowering Diverse Families	Nury Crawford	<b>Chatham</b>

## OCTOBER 10, 2024 – THURSDAY

**7:00am – 8:00am:** Continental Breakfast

**8:00am – 9:15am:** Opening Remarks / Featured Keynote – Dr. Steve & Peggie Constantino

**Location – Ballroom**

**9:15am – 9:30am:** Networking Break

**9:30am – 10:30am:** Featured Panel – Critical Approaches to Family, School, & Community Engagement: Improving Capacity Among Teachers: Insights from a New Special Issue of the Journal of Teacher Education

**(Location – Ballroom)**

**Lead Moderator:** Dr. Hill-Jackson, Co-Moderator – Trudy Cardinal,

**Panelists:** Dr. Eva Zygmunt, Dr. Wilisha Scaife, Dr. Nicholas Hartlep

**10:30am–10:45am:** Networking Break

## 10:45am–11:45am (Breakout Sessions)

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
<b>Leveraging Language to Improve Educational and Family Engagement Equity</b> – Example from the Field	Kayla Benson Victoria Taylor	Academy
<b>Strategic FACE planning &amp; execution:</b> Removing barriers and elevation outcomes	Tammy Pawloski	Franklin
<b>Family Engagement and Leadership</b> Through Parent Academy and Partnership	Ana Martinez, Kelli Perrin, Tricia Roddy	Forsyth
<b>Better Together:</b> 5 Keys to Forging Strong Family Engagement	Dr. Lindsay Whitley	Plaza
<b>Won't You Be My Neighbor:</b> The PBS KIDS Family Engagement Model for Neighborhoods Everywhere	Ambria King	Pulaski
<b>Parent Teacher Home Visits:</b> A Proven Strategy for Building Trusting Home–School Partnerships	Heather Kilgore Melissa Bryant	Oglethorpe
<b>Build, Bridge, and Boost with Henrico School's Family Resource Center:</b> Strategies for Intentional Engagement with Diverse Populations	Alexis Simms Adrienne Cole	Chatham
<b>Holistic School Safety:</b> Creating Safe & Supportive Learning Environments in K-12 Community	Lindsay Burton	Ballroom

11:45am – 1:00pm: Lunch Break (on your own)

1:00–1:15pm: Networking Break / Exhibitor Visitation

## 1:15pm–2:15pm

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
How UNCF Can Help Support College Readiness and HBCU Awareness in Your Community	Dr. Meredith Anderson	Academy
<b>Rising Families</b> – Fostering Family Leadership	Morgan Vonhaden Angie Lynch	Franklin
<b>Let's Get Real:</b> What We're Learning in the Family Engagement Leadership Institute and Why It Matters	Shana McIver	Forsyth
Building Effective Partnerships	Thea T. Faulkner	Plaza
New Engagement Initiatives from USDOE	Cecily Darden USDE	Ballroom
<b>Addressing Chronic Absenteeism:</b> The Concentric Home Visit Framework	Dr. Michael Gary	Oglethorpe AB
<b>You've Got A Friend in Us!</b> Building Parent Engagement Strategies that Work	Allyson Pennington Dawn Deadles	Chatham
<b>Building Strong Foundations:</b> Family Engagement and Early Childhood Education	Darbi Hunt	Pulaski

2:15pm – 2:30pm: Networking Break / Exhibitor Visitation

## 2:30pm–3:30pm

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
Enhancing Education through Family and Community Involvement	Denise Diaz, Brad Keating, Pogos Kazanchyan	Academy
New Home-Visit Tool by Memphis School of Excellence	Bunyamin Benjamin Murat	Franklin
4 Strategies to Increase Black Parents Trust in Schools	Charlitta Hatch	Forsyth
<b>From Home to School:</b> Unlocking Potential for Student Success	Natasha Rouse Michelina Thornton	Plaza
<b>Meaningful &amp; Intentional Family Engagement in Schools:</b> Hearing from the Families	Gail Mariano Cormier Lynda Gargon	Pulaski
Engaging and empowering parents before, during, and after a district transformation	Najah Callander Ally Abdulmajid	Oglethorpe AB
Differential Engagement	Ruth James	Ballroom
<b>What Makes a Star Teacher:</b> 7 Dispositions that Support Student Learning	Dr. Val Hill-Jackson Dr. Nicholas Hartlep	Chatham

3:30pm –3:45pm: Networking Break / Exhibitor Visitation

## 3:45pm–4:45pm

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
How to Plan and Execute Equitable Events for all Families	Yesenia Rivera-Ortiz	Academy
Transformative Connections Start with Trust	Becca Kearl D.G. Mawn, JD	Franklin
Leveraging the Power of Families to Combat Illiteracy	Laura Walsh Alma Canete	Forsyth
Activating Families as Literacy Leaders and Co-Teachers	Gretchen Osodipe	Plaza
<b>It Takes a Village:</b> Building a Network of Partnerships to Make Family and Community Engagement a Reality for your School Community	Katie Harrison Lindsay Kilgore	Pulaski
Supporting Families & Educators with Computer Science for Young Children	Christina Rand	Oglethorpe AB
Weaving the Past into the Present for the Future 7 Generations	Heather Lopez, Molly Daley, Vickei Hrdina	Chatham
<b>Nurturing Pathways:</b> College and Career Readiness Through Family Engagement	Morgan Vonhaden Angie Lynch	Ballroom

4:45pm–5:00pm: Networking Break / Exhibitor Visitation

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Featured Keynote Presentation: Dr. Eric Davis (Location – Ballroom)

7:00pm: FACE Reception / Author Book signing / Award Celebration (Location – Riverwalk)

## OCTOBER 11, 2024 – FRIDAY

7:15am –8:15am: Continental Breakfast

8:15am – 9:30am: Welcome / Featured Keynote Presenter – Joseph Washington  
(Location – Ballroom)

9:30am – 9:45am: Networking Break / Exhibitor Visitation

### 9:45am–10:45am

TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
Putting the Whole School, Whole Community and Whole Child (WSCC) Model into Action	Kathleen M. Williamson Sonya Steemer Tracy Stefano Michelle Texidor-Pham	Academy
<b>A Matter of Perspective</b> – Family & School Partnerships through the Eyes of Immigrant Families	Claudia Thomas Patricia Ramirez Tianja Grant Melanie Crosby Alain Ramirez Lopez	Franklin
<b>Parent Teacher Home Visits:</b> A Proven Strategy for Building Trusting Home–School Partnerships	Heather Kilgore Melissa Bryant	Forsyth
We Love You Here: Decreasing Chronic Absenteeism through an Engagement Lens	Dr. Shadae Harris	Plaza
Community Connections and Your PLC at Work	Nathaniel Provencio	Pulaski
Communication Strategies to Engage Families	Dr. Herb Thomas	Oglethorpe AB
<b>Family Welcome &amp; Support Center:</b> ELL Students Starting Smoothly in Your School District	Ana Medina Lisa Kerry	Chatham
Unpacking Family Engagement Through Wellness	Dr. Kelli Cedo Mary Curran	Ballroom

10:45am – 11:00am: Exhibitor Visitation / Networking Break

11:00am –12:30pm: Featured Keynote Presenter – Robert Jackson / Closing Remarks  
(Location – Ballroom)