

# 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,<br>Dr. Will Chavis | Olgethorpe AB |
| Top Ten Practices to Innovate and Elevate Your Family & Community Engagement                            | Amy Rovai Gregory,<br>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<br>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,<br>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, Dr. Anderson

**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<br>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,<br>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<br>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<br>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                            | Askale Davis, William Brown        | Academy       |
| <b>Rising Families</b> – Fostering Family Leadership  | Morgan Vonhaden<br>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<br>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<br>Michelina Thornton          | Plaza         |
| <b>Meaningful &amp; Intentional Family Engagement in Schools:</b> Hearing from the Families | Gail Mariano Cormier<br>Lynda Gargon         | Pulaski       |
| Engaging and empowering parents before, during, and after a district transformation         | Najah Callander<br>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<br>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<br>D.G. Mawn, JD                 | Franklin      |
| Leveraging the Power of Families to Combat Illiteracy   | Laura Walsh<br>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<br>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,<br>Vickei Hrdina | Chatham       |
| <b>Nurturing Pathways:</b> College and Career Readiness Through Family Engagement   | Morgan Vonhaden<br>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<br>Sonya Steemer<br>Tracy Stefano<br>Michelle Texidor-Pham           | Academy       |
| <b>A Matter of Perspective</b> – Family & School Partnerships through the Eyes of Immigrant Families | Claudia Thomas<br>Patricia Ramirez<br>Tianja Grant<br>Melanie Crosby<br>Alain Ramirez Lopez | Franklin      |
| <b>Parent Teacher Home Visits:</b> A Proven Strategy for Building Trusting Home–School Partnerships  | Heather Kilgore<br>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<br>Lisa Kerry  | Chatham       |
| Unpacking Family Engagement Through Wellness   | Dr. Kelli Cedo<br>Mary Curran   | Ballroom      |

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

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