

Opening Session Speakers

Marcella Franczkowski, MS

Marcella was appointed Maryland's Assistant Superintendent for Special Education/Early Intervention Services in July 2011. Ms. Franczkowski began her professional career in 1978 as a diagnostic/prescriptive teacher and has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In addition, she has held multiple early childhood and special education school-based and central office administrative positions in the Baltimore County Schools, including the Office of Nonpublic Placements and more recently Early Special Education. She holds a master's degree in special education measurement from the Johns Hopkins University and has a master's equivalent in education administration from Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College.

Mary La Casse, M.S.Ed.

Mary currently serves as Chief of the Early Childhood and Home Visiting Programs with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Center for Maternal and Child Health.

Myra S. McPherson, LMHC, Ph.D.

Myra is a licensed mental health counselor and has been an adjunct faculty member of the University of South Florida for 15 years and in private practice for over 20 years specializing in Infant-Toddler Mental Health therapeutic interventions for parents of children ages 0-5. She holds a doctorate degree in counseling psychology.

Dr. McPherson has provided behavioral-psychological assessments and in-home parent/child psychotherapy for the Early Steps Program and is the mental health consultant for the Early Head Start/Head Start Program throughout Sarasota County in Florida. She has authored several manuals and has conducted numerous workshops around the country on the topics of Infant-Toddler Mental Health and early behavioral programming.

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Maryland Home Visiting Consortium's



Home Visitors Conference

Thursday, November 10, 2011
Doubletree Hotel Columbia



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8:30 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast & Registration	Atrium
9:00 - 9:30	Greetings Nancy Vorobey and Chris Gallagher, <i>HVC Conference Committee Co-Chairpersons</i>	Ballroom
	Welcoming Remarks Marcela Franczkowski, <i>Asst. State Superintendent for Special Education/Early Intervention Services, Maryland State Department of Education</i>	
	Federal Home Visiting Grant Update Mary LaCasse, <i>Chief, Early Childhood and Home Visiting Programs, Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Maternal and Child Health</i>	
9:30 - 10:30	Keynote Presentation Dr. Myra McPherson, <i>Author and Adjunct Faculty Member, University of South Florida</i>	
10:45 - 12:15	Morning Workshop Sessions	
1-1	Learning to use specific language/ communication techniques Myra McPherson, LMHC, Ph.D.	Washington
1-2	A Guided Conversation for Managers and Supervisors Regarding Reflective Practice Phyllis L. Jones, MS	Howard
1-3	Understanding and Responding to Young Children and Parents Impacted by Trauma Kay Connors, LCSW-C	Maryland/State
1-4	Happiest Baby on the Block Judy Templeton and Brenda Radtka	Columbia East
1-5	Positive Solutions--SEFEL for Home Visitors Carolyn Payne Tighe, M.Ed.	Columbia Center/West
1-6	Helping Parents Understand Children's Behavior Kelly Coble, LCSW-C and Jessica Lertora, LCSW-C	Baltimore

12:15 - 1:30	Lunch and Networking	Atrium
1:30 - 3:00	Afternoon Workshop Sessions	
2-1	Early Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorders: Information and Strategies for Home Visitors Margo A. Candelaria, Ph.D.	Maryland/State
2-2	The Parent Survey Rating Scale for HFA Direct Service Staff and Supervisors Janet Curran	Howard
2-3	Building Collaborative Relationships with Families Earleen Beckman RN, BSN	Baltimore
2-4	Strategies for Working More Successfully With Parents Who Have Learning Difficulties Bernadette Irwin, MS	Columbia East
2-5	Helping Parents Connect with Their Children's Schools Barbara Scherr and Young-chan Han	Columbia Center/West
2-6	Maternal Depression: Intervention and Prevention S. Darius Tandon, Ph.D.	Washington

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