

2016 VAHSA Health & Family Institute Speakers Biographies

Amy Bornhoft, M.Ed.

Child Development Resources

Amy Bornhoft is the Director of Training and oversees all areas of professional development.

Debbie Bridwell, BBA

Virginia Department of Health

Debbie is the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Health. She works with the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia, health systems and other partners on preventive measures, screenings and other opportunities to reduce the burden of cancer in Virginia.

Lindell Chavis

Monticello Area Community Action Agency

Lindell is the Steps To Success Director for Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) in Charlottesville. She has a financial background and was a Loan Officer for a Federal Credit Union for 18 years.

Diane H. Craft, Ph.D.

SUNY Cortland

Diane H. Craft, Ph.D., has co-authored four books and given 175 presentations on physical activity for young children. She is consulting with the CDC as their early childhood physical activity expert.

Erin S. Cuppett, MS

Family Preservation Services

Erin is a Resident in Counseling working toward becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor and working toward a national certification in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT).

Darla Edwards and Stefanie Prokity

Successful Innovations, Inc

are national educational consultants and co-founders of Successful Innovations, Inc, an educational consulting company specializing in strategic family and school partnerships. They are co-authors of several best-selling educational publications and also co-organizers of the annual National Family Engagement Summit. The presenters' complete biographies can be found at www.si4all.com

Kathy Guisewite

Beautiful Tendings, LLC

Kathy has been blessed to work in service professions throughout her life. She has been a classroom teacher, parent-infant educator, infant massage educator, and minister. She has a love of life and enjoys art and nature on a daily basis.

Raj Kapur

Campagna Center Head Start

Raj Kapur has 20 plus years of Non-Profit & Leadership Experience. As a John Maxwell Certified Trainer & teacher he offers workshops, seminars & coaching, aiding your personal and professional growth.

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Aleta Lawson

HSCCO - Virginia Department of Social Services

Aleta M. Lawson, M.S. is a Child Development Specialist and Educator with more than twenty years of experience in the field of early childhood education, leadership, and administration. She holds a Master of Science degree in Child Development from Virginia Tech University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Radford University. In her current position as Director of the Head Start Collaboration Office, she facilitates collaboration among Head Start agencies and other early childhood organizations designed to benefit low-income children and families, working to enhance their capacity to improve outcomes and opportunities for young children.

Toussaint Morgan

Region 3 TTA

Toussaint is and advocate for health and wellness in school aged children administering and consulting with Head Start and Early Head Start programs in the District of Columbia for over seven years.

Sarah Morton

Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.

Sarah M. Morton is the Elderly Services Attorney in the BRLS Harrisonburg office. She has served as both a staff attorney and a supervising attorney since joining Blue Ridge Legal Services in 2006.

Amy K. Noggle, Ph.D.

Towson University

Dr. Amy Kappel Noggle earned her doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park, in Early Childhood Special Education. She taught preschool special education for ten years.

P. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, E.D.

School Health Corporation and Good-Lite Company

Dr. Nottingham Chaplin has worked in vision screening (VS) 15 years, is lead author of an eBook about VS, and has presented nearly 150 national, state, and local VS presentations and webinars.

Kami A. Piscitelli, RDH

VDH - Office of Family Health Services - Dental Health

Kami Piscitelli is the Special Needs Oral Health Coordinator for the VA Dept of Health. She has over 27 years of public and private practice dental hygiene experience, most of which is with children.

Patricia A. Popp, Ph.D.

Project HOPE-Virginia

Patricia Popp is the state coordinator for the education of homeless children and youth, Project HOPE-Virginia. This is part of the Virginia Department of Education but outsourced to William and Mary.

Lisa Thomas, M.S.W, Ed.S

Child Development Resources

Lisa Thomas oversees all of CDR's direct services to over 1,000 children and families each year

Taren Thomas

Parent Child Development Corporation

Taren Thomas is the Health and Family Services Manager for Parent Child Development Corporation. She is a current Early Childhood Outdoor Play Inspector for National Program for Playground Safety.

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Jacqueline Wake

Smiles For Children

Jackie Wake, former Head Start Health & Family Services Coordinator and former HS Parent, is the state outreach coordinator for Smiles For Children, Virginia's Medicaid Dental Program.

John Whitfield, Esq.

Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.

John Whitfield is the executive director of Blue Ridge Legal Services, the legal aid society serving the Shenandoah Valley. He has been an attorney with legal aid since 1981.