

# Exceptional Teaching Teams: Creating Engaging Practices for Individual Children and Small Groups

**April 28-29, 2010**

**Crowne Plaza San Antonio Riverwalk  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Exceptional Teaching Teams: Creating Engaging Practices for Individual Children and Small Groups** focuses on creating the highest expectations for children's development and learning through the pursuit of excellence. Early childhood education teams create a myriad of possibilities through meaningful and engaging practices that are reflected in everyday activities and experiences. This seminar defines a process by which Education Managers, Center Directors, Lead Teachers, and Curriculum Specialists can examine and develop a framework for excellence through in-depth analysis and discussion of curriculum, assessment, teaching practices, and relationships with families.

The goal of **Exceptional Teaching Teams** is to help create classrooms and centers that embody a community of life-long learners that includes the children, their families, and all the adults in the learning setting. Participants will gain practical skills for creating an effective and dedicated team of teachers and for meeting the learning needs of individual children and small groups of young learners. An important element for teaching teams will be establishing authentic relationships with all families as part of exceptional practices.

Throughout the event, participants will have opportunities to learn about and discuss professional development strategies that address current research, initiatives, and scholarship. Within the framework of building effective teaching teams, the seminar will focus on developing vigorous relationships with children, families, and each other and will assess curriculum practices, observation techniques, and documentation of children's development and learning. From focusing on the needs of the individual learner to engaging children in small groups learning experiences, **Exceptional Teaching Teams: Creating Engaging Practices for Individual Children and Small Groups** will provide a wealth of practical ideas for developing plans that involve and respect all members of the community of learners.

The Standard Registration Fee is \$375 per person. Members of *T/TAS@Your Service* may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$350 per person. (Some restrictions may apply based on level of subscription; visit [www.ttas.org/ays.html](http://www.ttas.org/ays.html) for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including how to earn 1.075 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) for this event, please see page 3.

## Learning Outcomes

- Participants will evaluate the dynamics of effective teaching teams in early childhood education settings.
- Participants will gain new skills to support the process of individualizing learning.
- Participants will develop effective strategies for working with small groups of learners.
- Participants will examine strategies for building strong relationships with families to complement the learning of young children.
- Participants will develop professional development goals that reaffirm appropriate early childhood education best practices.



## Your Presenters

**Luis Hernandez**, Early Childhood Education Specialist, holds a MA in Bilingual and Multicultural Education and has served as an adjunct professor of Early Childhood Education at Miami Dade Community College. His special training interests include early literacy, second language learning, program collaboration and partnerships, demographics and diversity, and adult learning in early childhood settings.



**Michael Gramling**, Human Development Specialist, is a lifelong social justice advocate, and found his professional home in 1979 when he discovered Head Start and embraced its values and its goals - particularly those of enhancing the dignity of families living in poverty and of supporting parents as the primary educators of their children. Mr. Gramling holds a Master's Degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College, and is the author of *Positive Guidance: Making A Place for Everyone*.



*(T/TAS reserves the right to substitute or reduce the number of presenters as circumstances warrant.)*



## Hotel Accommodations

The Crowne Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk is located at 111 Pecan Street East in historic San Antonio, Texas. Hotel accommodations are available at the special conference rate of \$117 per night, single or double occupancy (plus applicable

taxes). Please make your hotel reservations **no later than March 28, 2010** by calling 800-828-6547, 888-233-9527, or 210-354-2800. You may also make your hotel reservations on-line at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/hs3>.

To qualify for the special conference rate, please state that you will be attending **Head Start Teaching Teams**. The room block will be held until the stated deadline or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first. Reservations are accepted on a space and rate availability basis by the hotel, and room blocks often fill quickly. Please consult the hotel for information on their specific cancellation policies, to learn about additional charges that may apply to hotel guests (i.e., parking fees, local phone charges, internet access fee, etc.), and to learn about available amenities, such as room service, in-house dining, and additional area attractions.

Enjoy all the excitement, charm and culture of San Antonio while staying at the beautiful Crowne Plaza San Antonio Riverwalk. Experience the warmth and comfort of a grand hotel combined with the comfort and amenities of today's business hotels. The hotel is within walking distance of the Alamo, Hemisfair Park and Tower, El Mercado Marketplace, the San Antonio Convention Center, and the River Center Mall, and just a short drive from Fiesta Texas (a Six Flags Amusement Park), Sea World, Schlitterbahn Water Park, the San Antonio Missions, and the San Marcos Outlet Center.

## Tentative Agenda

### April 28, 2010

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Relationships: Keys to Teamwork
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. - Noon	All About Curriculum and Assessment
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	One at a Time: The Individualization Process
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Teaching Practices: Creating Magic for Small Groups

### April 29, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Checking In, Clarifications, and Concerns
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Families Are The Key
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. - Noon	It Takes a Village: Creating A Community of Learners
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Facilitating Effective Teamwork and Communication
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	A Vision for Excellence: Steps in a Work Plan

# Registering for T/TAS Events

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- ★ **To Register On-Line:** To register for any T/TAS event, please go to our web site at [www.ttas.org/calendar.html](http://www.ttas.org/calendar.html), locate the event you wish to register for, and then click on the **Register** button.
- ★ **To Register By Mail:** Complete and return the attached Registration Form with check, money order, or Purchase Order (made out to T/TAS), or with Credit Card info (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) to: **T/TAS, 1906 College Heights Boulevard, #11031, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101-1031.**
- ★ **To Register By Fax:** Complete and fax the attached Registration Form with Purchase Order or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) information to our office at 270-745-3340 or 270-745-2142.

Registration forms will not be processed unless accompanied by payment, credit card info, or Purchase Order. Registrations will be accepted until events fill.

**Enrollment is Limited:** T/TAS cannot guarantee enrollment at events. In the event that available enrollment slots fill, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case space reopens due to cancellations. We recommend you do not make hotel or travel arrangements until you receive your registration confirmation. T/TAS is not liable for any hotel or travel penalties or fees that may be incurred by participants or registrants.

**Confirmation of Registration:** Registrations can only be confirmed by e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address on the registration form if you wish to receive a confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation within five days of registering for the event, please contact Mike Hartz at 800-882-7482.

**Cancellations/Substitutions Policy:** If you cancel your registration in writing 10 or more business days before the event, registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 enrollment charge. No refunds will be made less than 10 business days prior to the event; however, you may designate a substitute to attend in your place. T/TAS reserves the right to cancel the event if enrollment criteria are not met or when conditions beyond our control prevail. In the event of cancellation, each registrant will be contacted. The liability of T/TAS is limited to the refund of registration fees only.

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs):** Western Kentucky University offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for participants successfully completing a T/TAS training seminar. To apply for CEUs, please complete the appropriate section of the attached registration form and include an additional fee of \$25 per person. Consult the event registration form to learn how many CEUs will be offered for each event.

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T/TAS also specializes in designing training specifically for delivery on-site in your local program, including such titles as *Preparing for An On-Site Federal Review*; *Program Governance: Road Map to Success for Decision-Makers*; *Positive Guidance: Making A Place for Everyone*; *Self-Assessment*; *The Supervisor/Mentor Coach Institute*; *Five Parenting Behaviors That Predict Success in School*; *Supporting the Involvement of Fathers in the Lives of Young Children*; and *Ongoing Monitoring: The Key to Quality in Head Start*. To learn more or to schedule training, call 800-882-7482.



# Event Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT THE NAME AND POSITION OF THE PERSON ATTENDING exactly as it should appear on the name tag. Copy this form as necessary for registering additional persons.

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Agency/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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EVENT	SELECT FEE(S)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING TEAMS: CREATING ENGAGING PRACTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN AND SMALL GROUPS, APRIL 28-29, 2010, CROWNE PLAZA SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Registration: \$295 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TTAS@Your Service</b> Subscribers: \$280 * <input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting 1.075 CEUs (10.75 contact hours) from Western Kentucky University and include an additional \$25 in payment.

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**CHECK METHOD OF PAYMENT** (Forms will not be processed unless accompanied by payment):

- Check payable to T/TAS.
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