



# Heading to Kindergarten

Ohio Department of Education

## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION SUMMIT: Information, Relationships and Alignment

### AGENDA

Thursday, June 3, 2021

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### Summit Objectives:

1. **Provide tools, supports and information to strengthen kindergarten readiness practices and collaboration** between early childhood programs and their receiving elementary schools.
2. **Showcase examples of effective kindergarten readiness practices**, including strategies to support smooth transitions to kindergarten.

Time	Program
1:00-1:10	<b>1 Opening</b> <span style="float: right;">Anita Armstrong Head Start Collaboration Director, Ohio Department of Education</span>
1:10-1:30	<b>2 School Readiness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Where Children Are Now and Efforts to Address School Readiness</b> Dr. Deborah Bergeron, National Head Start Association</li> <li>• <b>Whole Child Framework: Support for School Readiness</b> Paolo DeMaria, Ohio Department of Education</li> </ul>
1:30-2:15	<b>3 Successful Transitions and Effective Collaboration</b> <span style="float: right;">Sophie Hubbell Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Education</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Understanding the Transition to Kindergarten and Factors That Influence It</b> Dr. Kelly Purtell, The Ohio State University, Crane Center</li> <li>• <b>The Power of Collaboration</b> Dr. Kenyona Walker, The Ohio State University, Center on Education and Training for Employment</li> </ul>

2:15-2:20	<b>4</b>	<b>Break</b>	
2:20-3:25	<b>5</b>	<b>Heading to Kindergarten</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Teresa Furniss</i> Early Childhood Consultant, State Support Team 5</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Delores Pugh</i> Early Childhood Consultant, State Support Team 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Building Bridges: Leaders Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten</b> (Video)</li> <li>• <b>Head Start Public School Collaboration Demonstration Project</b>  <i>Dawn Hall, Director, Heart of the Valley Head Start</i>  <i>Scot West, Preschool Director, Gallia County Local Schools</i></li> <li>• <b>Ohio's Heading to Kindergarten Project Teams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Port Clinton City Schools / Great Lakes Community Action Program (SST 1)</u>  <i>Melanie Miller, Center Specialist, Great Lakes Community Action Program</i></li> <li><u>Warren City Schools / Trumbull Community Action Program (SST 5)</u>  <i>Sharanita L. Brogdon, Education Manager/Administrator, Warren West Head Start</i>  <i>Carrie Boyer, Warren City School District, Jefferson PK-8 Campus Leader, PK-2 Principal</i>  <i>Kelly Hutchison, Preschool Coordinator/District Literacy Coordinator, Warren City Schools</i></li> <li><u>Celina City Schools / Mercer County Head Start (SST 6)</u>  <i>Michelle Duncan, Primary School Principal, Celina City Schools</i>  <i>Amy Esser, Head Start Executive Director, Mercer County Head Start</i>  <i>Dr. Ken Schmiesing, Superintendent, Celina City Schools/Mercer County Head Start/Tri-Star Career Compact</i></li> <li><u>Miamisburg City Schools / Miami Valley Child Development Centers (SST 10)</u>  <i>Jo Mikesell, Family Support Specialist, Miami Valley Child Development Centers Head Start</i>  <i>Lindsey Escobar, Kindergarten Teacher, Mark Twain Elementary, Miamisburg City Schools</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3:25-3:30	<b>6</b>	<b>Break</b>	
3:30-3:50	<b>7</b>	<b>Transition to Kindergarten Resources</b>	<i>Lisa Huckins</i> Education Program Specialist, Ohio Department of Education
3:50-4:00	<b>8</b>	<b>Closing and Next Steps</b>	<i>Anita Armstrong</i>