

ParentChild+: Engaging Families in Early Math Through Home Visiting

An Early Math Early Literacy Webinar

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Panelist Bios

WELCOME & FRAMING COMMENTS



Jessica Lauer Tilli

Math Specialist
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Jessica Lauer Tilli has been an educator for more than 13 years and is currently serving as a Math Curriculum Specialist for the Philadelphia School District. In her current position, she writes curriculum, provides professional learning for teachers and leaders, and is leading the charge to prioritize early mathematics in her district. Jessica believes deeply that every child, regardless of zip code, deserves the opportunity to develop a strong foundation in mathematics. She is a fierce advocate for creating access for students in Philadelphia and most recently led a team of educators to develop a Comprehensive Guide for Early Mathematics that will be implemented in the upcoming school year. She is currently a doctoral student at Temple University studying Educational Leadership.

MODERATOR



Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum

Pennsylvania State Director
ParentChild+
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Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum serves as the ParentChild+ Pennsylvania State Director. She has been overseeing the Program's successful start-up in Philadelphia, as well as supporting sites elsewhere in the state and working on expanding into new PA communities. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from the University of Pennsylvania. As a program designer, leader and advocate in the fields of early childhood education and homeless services, Mrs. Ofori-Agyekum has dedicated her time and talent to serving underserved communities in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

PRESENTERS



Jermell Witherspoon

Program Manager
Zeno
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Jermell joined the Zeno team in December 2017, bringing his years of non-profit experience, including working with ParentChild+, to Zeno's community. Jermell has deep and rich involvement in serving and leading communities dedicated to Justice, equity, and inclusion. "Zeno is dedicated to pulling out the innate Math brilliance of each child, especially those let down by unjust and inequitable systems."



Pamela Williams

ParentChild+ State Program Director
Start Early WA
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Pamela Williams currently serves as the ParentChild+ Washington State Program Director at Start Early WA. She supports a diverse group of organizations statewide implementing the ParentChild+ core and family childcare models. She trains newly hired site coordinators, monitors sites to ensure model fidelity and supports new program site development. Pamela is also a member of the WA Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) HUB team.

Pamela is a Pennsylvania native and before moving to Washington State worked in the field of Family Literacy, Ms. Williams was the Family Literacy Program Manager for the School District of Philadelphia Office of Early Childhood where she managed ParentChild+ in Philadelphia and the Even Start Family Literacy Program. Pamela had a successful career helping to expand family literacy services (ABE & ESL services, Parenting Education and Home Visiting Services) to support low-income, low literacy and ELL families with young children. Ms. Williams holds a BA from Temple University and a MS from Drexel University. She has offers home visitor safety/field readiness trainings locally and has presented at several conferences. Pamela also sits on several local and national advisory committees as well has served as a board member of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP-USA).



Erin Kinsella

Early Learning Specialist
ParentChild+
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Erin Kinsella is an Early Learning Specialist (ELS) with the ParentChild+ program at Encompass in North Bend, Washington. This is her second year in this role. Previously, she taught elementary school for 12 years. She is also a Mom to two boys ages 6 years and 7 months old. In all of these roles, she has been passionate about making math accessible to all children from an early age.