

## TTK PARTICIPANTS AGENDA December 8 & 9, 2021

### Day One – December 8<sup>th</sup> - Morning Session

- 9:00 - 9:30**     **Welcome & Introductions – Alferma Giles**  
Supporting an Effective Transition to Kindergarten
- Review Goals for Day 1 – Joseph Laster** (Purpose/OHS Initiative/Why we are doing this)
- 9:30 – 9:45**     **Why We Are Concerned About Early Transition Experiences – Rachel Robinson**
- Activity - What was your first day of school like? (participants will share out)
- 9:45 - 10:30**     **What Does School Readiness Mean? – Rachel Robinson**
- The State of School Readiness
- 10:30 - 11:00**     **TTK Sharing (Port Arthur ISD Head Start, Port Arthur TX) Questions/Answers**
- 11:00 - 1:00**     **BREAK**

### Day One - Afternoon Session

- 1:00 - 1:45**     **Engaging Families in the Transition to Kindergarten - Group Discussions - Cheryl Angell**
- Common Themes
- 1:45 – 2:00**     **Word Cloud Activity #1 - What three (3) words comes to mind when you think about transition? Why do you think that it's important? Cheryl Angell**
- 2:00 – 2:30**     **Engaging Families in the Transition to Kindergarten - Group Discussions - Cheryl Angell**  
*(group discussions, volunteers sharing time from breakouts)*
- 2:30 – 2:45**     **Virtually Transitioning from Head Start to Kindergarten – Group Discussions – Cheryl Angell**
- 2:45 - 3:00**     **Closing comments/questions – Alferma Giles**

## Day Two – December 9<sup>th</sup> - Morning Session

- 9:00 - 9:15**     **Welcome to Day Two– Alferma Giles**  
Supporting an Effective Transition to Kindergarten
- Review Goals for Day 2 – Joseph Laster**
- 9:15 – 9:45**     **Team Discussions – Creating Successful Partnerships – “This Is How We Do It” – Alferma Giles**
- Sharing successful transition to kindergarten practices currently being used by Head Start Grantees/School District Partners (**Volunteers will share**)
- 9:45 – 10:00**   **Activity #2 (Break-Out Groups)** – Three (3) most important things that you would like to share with parents about transition (Head Start & ISD transitions) - **Alferma Giles**
- 10:00 – 11:00**   **Implementing Transition and Alignment Strategies to Support School Readiness – Joseph Laster**
- 11:00-1:00**     **BREAK**

## Day Two – Afternoon Session

- 1:00 – 1:30**     **TTK Sharing (ChildCareGroup Head Start, Dallas, TX) Questions/Answers**
- 1:30 - 2:30**     **Developing a Team Transition Plan – (Team planning) - Alferma Giles**
- 2:30 - 2:45**     **TTK Materials and Implementation – Building Successful Transition Experiences – Alferma Giles**
- 2:45 – 3:00**     **Next Steps/Questions/Comments/Closing**

### Special Thanks to:

**Port Arthur ISD Head Start Team, Port Arthur, TX** – Mrs. Fredia Reynolds/Proud Principal/Head Start Director  
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**ChildCareGroup Head Start, Dallas, TX** – Mrs. Wendy Ogren/Vice President, Early Childhood Programs

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### Texas Transition to Kindergarten Team:

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