



2021 PDAS SUMMIT

Bridging The Gap: Adapting To Be Inclusive

You are invited to attend the **8th Annual PDAS Summit** for Wisconsin's Trainers, Technical Assistance Professionals, and higher education staff! This year's 2-day virtual event will be centered on the theme **Bridging the Gaps: Adapting to Be Inclusive**.

Join us virtually and participate in a collaborative community of practice (CoP) to identify the gaps in accessible professional development learning opportunities. Participants will engage in constructive and courageous conversations on how to bridge these gaps and increase trainer capacity within diverse populations across Wisconsin.

Get ready to explore together with your peers and our incredible lineup of panelists to discuss proven strategies on effectively adapting and implementing more inclusive practices in your training sessions. **Be sure to check out our registration options below! You won't want to miss this incredible 2-day event!**

Featured this year:

- A diverse group of panelists to share challenges within their respective communities!
- The World Café - a dynamic, interactive system to tackle critical topics!

- Network opportunities with Trainers & Technical Assistance Professionals from across the state!
- Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of *Crucial Conversations* by Kerry Patterson



SUMMIT DETAILS

Location:

This is a live, virtual event. The link to this event will be sent to event registrants at a later date.

What can I expect?

This event will be a safe space to engage, converse, and learn from your peers. We will be working together as a collaborative community to bridge gaps and address inclusivity. Your insight, experience, and voice will be heard and valued.

Time:

Day 1: Thursday, September 23, 2021 | 9 am - 12:30 pm

Day 2: Thursday, September 30, 2021 | 9 am - 12:30 pm

SUMMIT REGISTRATION

Reserve your place today! *Registration deadline is September 21, 2021.*

ENTIRE EVENT REGISTRATION

(recommended)

Don't miss a single beat of the discussion! Attend both days and enjoy insight from our incredible group of panelists (see below) as well as our interactive World Café discussions, all at a discounted rate!

DAY 1 REGISTRATION

Attend Day 1 (**September 23**) and join us for our panelist discussion. Our panelists will address access to professional development learning opportunities and building trainer capacity.

DAY 2 REGISTRATION

Attend Day 2 (**September 30**) and take part in World Café discussions on topics impacting access to professional development opportunities and trainer capacity with a reflection and call to action by [J3 Solutions](#).

**Register for
BOTH Days**

Cost: \$40

**Register for Day
1 ONLY**

Cost: \$25

**Register for Day
2 ONLY**

Cost: \$25

SUMMIT PANELISTS



Delechia Johnson, M.S.

Currently part of J3Solutions Consulting, Delechia has 28 years of extensive training and professional experience in the field of early care and education as a master trainer in the state. She has worked in the field in various roles from a volunteer, director, educational coordinator, mentor, instructional coach, teacher and consultant.



Tamara Johnson

Tamara is the executive director of Malaika Early Learning Center. She has a master's degree in early childhood administration from National Louis University. Tamara was elected to serve a four-year-term as a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Governing Board in 2017.



Dr. Tanya Johnson

Dr. Johnson has been in the early care and education profession for 30 years. She currently is an Early Childhood Adjunct Instructor, a Professional Development / Training Specialist and an Early Childhood Consultant with J3 Solutions.



**Stephanie Lozano,
MSW, CSW**

Stephanie is the Tribal Liaison for the WI Dept. of Children and Families (DCF). In her role, she leads with policy analysis and strategic advisement on tribal affairs. Stephanie also works to strengthen the intergovernmental relationships between DCF and the 11 sovereign tribal nations.



Olga Neira

Olga is a Bilingual T.E.A.C.H. Counselor at WECA, where she provides professional development support and training. At the beginning of her work in the early care and education field, Olga was a family childcare provider and later taught at a group center. Olga is passionate about helping adults advance their education.



Terryl Wheelock

Terryl currently works as the Project Coordinator, Pathways to Quality Lead for 4C for Children. She has experience as a Lead Teacher, Mentor Teacher, Facilitator/Trainer, Technical Consultant, and coordinator of various quality improvement initiatives. Terryl is a Registry approved Tier 3 Trainer and Technical Assistance Professional.



Kao Lai Xiong

Kao currently works at Childcaring Inc. as an Early Childhood Consultant/Trainer/Bilingual Aide for Hmong Providers. Kao is also a member of the Cultural Linguistically Diverse Community of Practice and has been at her current position for the past 15 years.



Lia Yang

Lia is the CCR&R and Training Manager with 4C-For Children. She is devoted to increasing quality child care capacity and improving outcomes for young children. Her passion is strengthening relationships with community partnership through a culturally sensitive lens.

WECA CONFERENCE

Keep the conversation going! The Registry and [Wisconsin Early Childhood Association \(WECA\)](#) are working in collaboration this year to help Wisconsin's Early Childhood Care and Afterschool Education Professionals reflect on inclusion, diversity, equity, and action. It is our hope to start the conversation at the PDAS Summit and continue this critical work during the [2021 WECA Virtual Conference](#) (September 30 - October 2). We hope you will attend both events!



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