Staff and Partner Roles

Contact Information

There are many staff, partners and agencies working within The Ohio State University Partnership Program. This document is to provide you with information regarding the staff you will be working with, their role, and contact information. Please contact Erin Woodson, Program Coordinator at (614)292-7680 or Woodson.62@osu.edu with any questions.

- Curriculum, Education, and Professional Development

  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Program
  Staff:

  Sarah McClusky, Education Resource Specialist
  The Ohio State University
  Mclusky.6@osu.edu
  (614)292-2810

  Denise Johnston, Curriculum, Education and Assessment Specialist
  Action For Children
  Denise.Johnston@actionforchildren.org
  (614)224-0222 ext. 106

Sarah and Denise are coordinating all aspects of education and professional development for the Early Head Start program. This includes compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards, Licensing, and Step Up To Quality requirements. They are working with the mentor/coaches from Caring Communities Birth-3 regarding mixed age classrooms and other training opportunities. Additionally, they are coordinating the education components from our partner agencies, and will be in charge of meetings related to transitions, disabilities and referrals. These agencies include: Caring Communities Birth-3 (Mixed Age Groupings), Children’s Hunger Alliance (Nutrition/Healthy Children Healthy Weights for Family Child Care Providers), Columbus Public Health (Nutrition/Healthy Children Healthy Weights for Centers), Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Development), and St. Vincent Family Center (Mental Health).
Education Partner Agency:
Caring Communities Birth-3
Linda Neugebauer
L_neugebauer@msn.com
Caring Communities Birth-3 provides education and mentoring on mixed age groupings and continuity of care
www.earlycareandlearninginc.org/

- **Data/ChildPlus**
  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Program
  Staff:
  Bridey Thompson, Data and Compliance Manager
  The Ohio State University
  Thompson.200@osu.edu
  (614)292-2882
  Bridey can be contacted with all questions related to using ChildPlus and your tablets. She is responsible for all of the data collected for the program and generating necessary reports.

- **Developmental Delays/Disabilities**
  Developmental Delays/Disabilities Partner Agencies:
  Franklin County Family and Children First/Help Me Grow
  Pam Barton
  (614)227-9860
  Help Me Grow is a coordinated network of social workers, early intervention specialists and therapeutic professionals who promote community-based, family-centered services for expectant parents, newborns, infants, and toddlers up to their third birthday and their families in Franklin County. Concerns about developmental delays should be discussed with the Education Specialists (Denise Johnston, Sarah McClusky)
  www.helpmykid.org/programs/help-me-grow
Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Becky Love, Director
(614)342-5801
Becky.love@fcbdd.org
Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides early intervention services for children who have developmental delays. In addition, centers and home providers will gain important information on how to identify developmental delays as well as teaching strategies for working with children with special needs. These educational pieces will be coordinated by Denise Johnston and Sarah McClusky, your Curriculum, Education, and Assessment Specialists.
www.ecep.fcbdd.org/

- Directors
  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Program
  Staff:
  Don Fuzer, Director
  The Ohio State University
  Fuzer.2@osu.edu
  614 292-4453 ext 46948
  Don provides leadership to all aspects of The Ohio State University Partnership Program and staff. He is responsible for the Policy Council, Governing Board, and providing reports to the Office of Head Start.

  Jane Wiechel, Early Head Start Grant Principal Investigator and Director of Community Programs and Development at the Schoenbaum Family Center
  The Ohio State University
  Wiechel.5@osu.edu
  Jane provides leadership to all aspects of The Ohio State University Partnership Program and staff. She is integral in developing community relationships and strives to meet the needs of families. She is a strong advocate for child care centers and family child care providers.
• **Enrollment/Recruitment**  
  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Program  
  **Staff:**  
  *Nicole Hill, Family Services Manager*  
  Community Properties of Ohio  
  nhill@cpoms.org  
  (614)506-8778  
  Nicole is responsible for overseeing the recruitment and enrollment of children into the program. She monitors the wait list to assure all slots are filled. Referrals should be sent to Nicole. She is also responsible for supervising the Family Advocates.  

**Family Advocates**  
Community Properties of Ohio  
The Family Advocates select and enroll the children into the program and maintain a waitlist for their sites. They also provide support for families enrolled in the program. They work to ensure the children are maintaining health checks, present children to the Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Responsive Services Team, assist with PFCC applications, and help families with other social service needs such as housing and work force development.

**Family Advocate/Provider Partnerships:**  
**Jessica Atkison**  
jatkison@cpoms.org  
(614)398-6901  
Creative Child Care East  
Creative Child Care North  
Esther Jefferson  
Kids Care Academy  
**Simone Ellerson**  
sellerson@cpoms.org  
(614)813-5075  
A. Sophie Rogers  
Marcia Jones  
Southside Lincoln  
Southside Reeb  
**Ce'Mone Jackson**  
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(614)372-9372  
Rhonda Drumright  
Fresh Start Sufflivan  
Fresh Start Broad  
Fleecie Hubert  
Starting Point  
**Ivorey Perry**  
iperry@cpoms.org  
(614)315-3337  
Columbus Early Learning Center  
Our Play Station  
Asyia Hale  
Lori Wilson
Health

Health Partner Agency:
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Jeanne Wickliffe, Primary Care Program Supervisor
Jeanne.wickliffe@nationwidechildrens.org
http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/primary-care-centers
Nationwide Children’s Hospital is our partner for health and wellness. Our goal for infants and toddlers enrolled in the Early Head Start Program is to have a medical home. If a family does not have a medical home, please refer them to one of the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Primary Care Centers. The number to schedule is (614) 722-6200.
The Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit is also available to come to your center. The coordinator for this program can come to your family engagement nights to talk to families about the unit and have consent for treatment forms signed. Contact Sherrie Cunningham, OSU-EHS Service Integration Coordinator at (614)292-2010 if you are interested.
www.nationwidechildrens.org/primary-care-centers

Mental Health

Mental Health Partner Agency:
St. Vincent Family Center
Joanne Holcombe, MSW, LSW, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant
jholcombe@svfc.org
(614) 252-0731 Ext. 1296
Joanne is administering the DECA on each child enrolled in the program. She is available for office hours at your center to meet with families and staff. She is able to come to your family nights to provide education on social-emotional development to families. Joanne also provides training to Center staff and Family Child Care Providers.
www.svfc.org/services/english/early-childhood-mental-health
**Nutrition**

**Nutrition Partner Agencies:**

**Children’s Hunger Alliance**
Marina Lucio, RDN, LD, Nutrition Education Coordinator
mlucio@childrenshungeralliance.org
(614)643-8024 direct
(800)227-6446 main
Marina is coordinating the Healthy Children, Healthy Weights program for Family Child Care Providers. Through Step Up to Quality approved webinars and technical assistance, Family Child Care Providers will receive nutritional support and education to receive their Ohio Healthy Program designation.
[www.childrenshungeralliance.org](http://www.childrenshungeralliance.org)

**Columbus Public Health**
Alyssa L Dorsey MS RD LD, Program Manager
ALDorsey@columbus.gov
(614)645-0261
(614)645-7417
Alyssa is providing nutritional training and technical assistance to the Child Care Centers with the Healthy Children Healthy Weights program. This training is approved for Step Up to Quality, and will lead to centers receiving the Ohio Healthy Program designation.
• **Partner Services and Resources**
  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Staff:  
  **Sherrrie Cunningham, Service Integration Coordinator**
  The Ohio State University
  Cunningham.824@osu.edu
  (614)292-2010
  Please call Sherrie if you have questions or concerns regarding any of our agency partners. She can also assist you in finding resources.
  • Partners include:
    o Action for Children
    o Caring Communities Birth-3
    o Children’s Hunger Alliance
    o Columbus Public Health
    o Community Properties of Ohio
    o Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities
    o Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
    o Help Me Grow
    o Moms2B
    o Nationwide Children’s Hospital
    o St. Vincent Family Center

• **Program Coordination**
  The Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership Staff:  
  **Erin Woodson, Program Coordinator**
  The Ohio State University
  Woodson.62@osu.edu
  (614)292-7680
  Erin is responsible for all administrative aspects of the Early Head Start program. Some of her tasks include payment processing, scheduling, marketing, and communication. She sends out your weekly updates and is available to answer all other questions. If she can’t answer your question immediately, she will find out the answers and get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Ohio State University staff, she will set the appointment for you.
Supportive Services
Supportive Services Partner Agency:
Moms2B
Twinkle Schottke, Director
The Ohio State University
614-292-1605
Twinkle.schottke@osumc.edu
The mission of Moms2B is to empower women in high risk neighborhoods to deliver full term healthy babies by providing weekly group sessions focused on education, nutrition, clinical and social support that continues through the baby’s first year of life. If you are working with a pregnant mom who may be in need of these services, you can email Twinkle or go to their website to see the meeting schedule.
http://www.moms2bohio.com/default.html