

**MISSOURI STATE HOME VISITING ANNUAL SUMMIT**  
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**Presentation:**

**Developmental Processes as Family-Engagement Opportunities**

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**Presentation Description (3:00 pm to 4:15pm EST):**

Early brain development occurs in the context of caregiving relationships; with optimal development depending upon healthy social and emotional relational care for children at their youngest. Therefore, Family Engagement is essential to make progress towards those child outcomes; based on collaboration among families and home visitors as partners. The process of supporting children's developmental potential is most effective when home visitors and families truly partner in creating relational environments that address the *processes* of development and integrate strategies that support collaboration based upon a deep understanding of children's behavior. This presentation will interactively engage the audience with developmental, social-emotional, and trauma-informed frameworks that can enhance relationship-based, developmentally-informed practices. We will explore how we can anticipate changes in children's behavior that are necessary to progress yet often puzzle or frustrate parents and families, and how we can use this anticipation to more fully engage parents in observation and attuned care of their child. This interactive powerpoint presentation will spark our discussion of social-emotional bases of learning, and the power of preventive care.

**Learning Objectives:** As a result of their participation in this presentation, participants will be able to:

- 1) Enhance their understanding of why a shared vision is key to engaging families and community partners.
- 2) Define and explore elements of developmental processes that are key to understanding development and challenging behavior.
- 3) Understand the necessary role of conflict and challenging behavior in the developmental process.
- 4) Explore the strength-based relational practices as integrated strategies to promote engagement among families and providers.