

Head Start: Engaging Our Youngest Learners



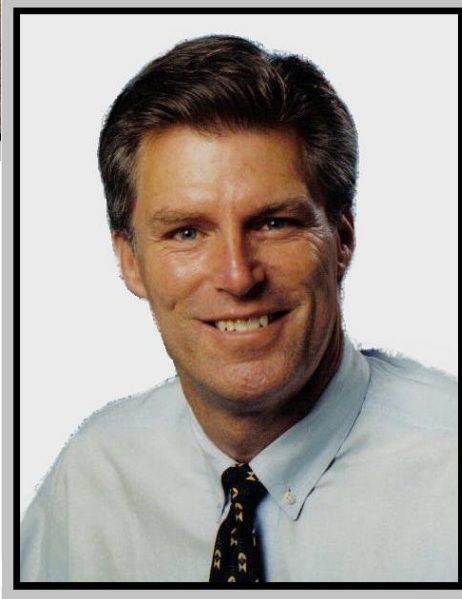
Wisconsin Head Start Association

10th Annual Training Conference

February 6-8, 2012

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Conference Highlights



- Engaged Participants
- First-Rate Presenters
- Connecting with Colleagues
- Monday Keynote Speaker Rich Thwaits
- Tuesday Keynote Speaker Mike McGowan
- Exhibits

The Training Sessions!

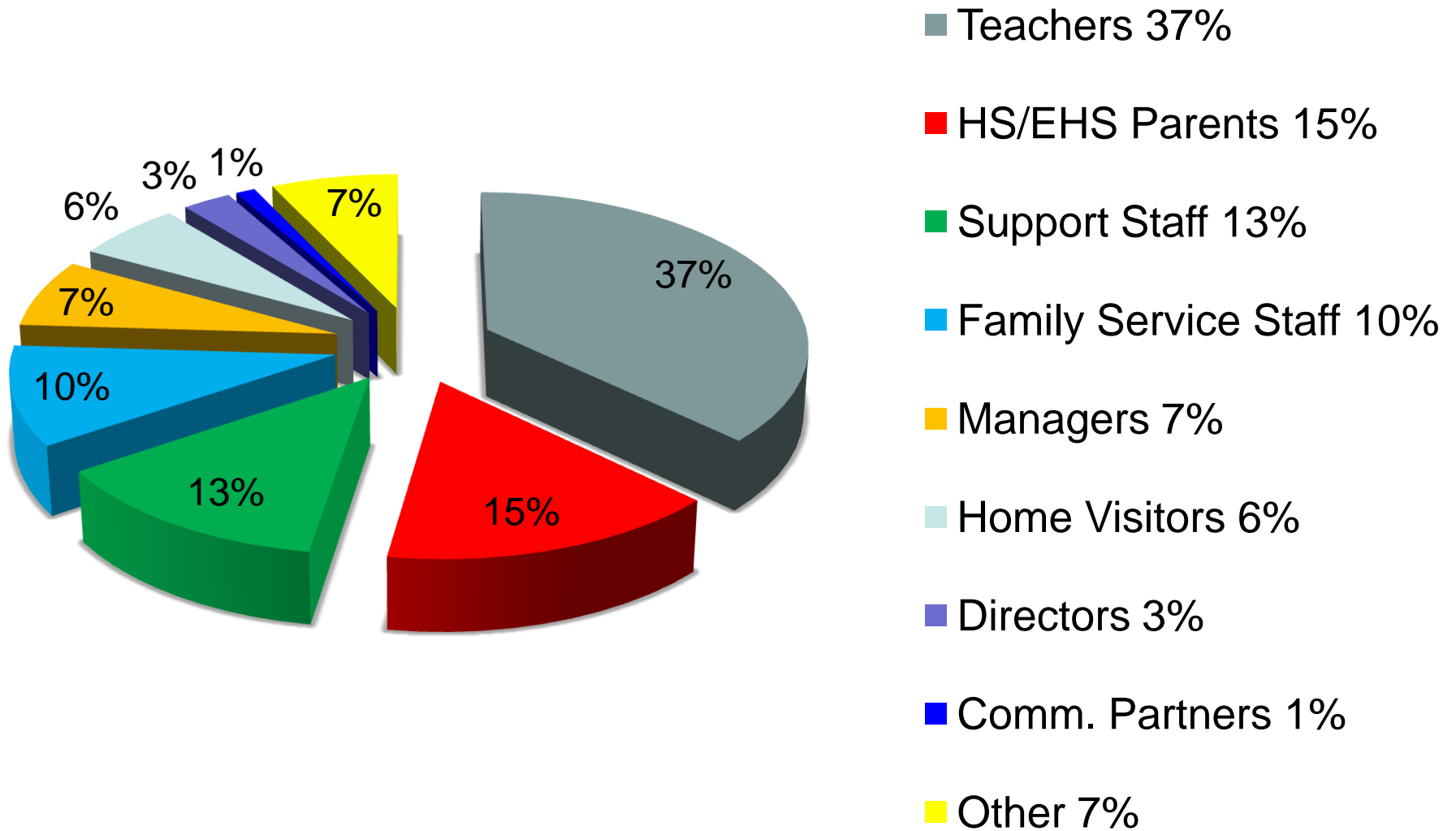
Success by the Numbers



The WHSA 10th Annual Training Conference had:

- More than 330 Participants
- Over 65 Presenters
- 55+ Unique Training Sessions
- 16 Exhibitors
- Dozens of Fantastic Volunteers!

Participation by Position



What YOU Said!

What was the BEST thing about the Conference?

- Keynote Speakers were excellent!
- Interacting with others and learning new things
- Getting new ideas to implement in the classroom with families
- High-quality presentations and presenters
- Great program variety and the professionalism of presenters.



Accomplishments!

The number of positive comments concerning:

The Opportunity to Learn/Gain Knowledge	19.6%
Exceptional Keynote Speakers	19.1%
Exceptional Individual Presenters	14.7%
Opportunity to Socialize/Network/Meet Other Professionals	10.3%
Good Variety/Diversity of Topics	7.1%
Location/Accommodations	5.4%
Outstanding Overall Experience	5.4%

Opportunities to Improve!

The number of comments indicating improvement opportunities in the following areas:

More Emphasis on Specific Topics (Math)	15.8%
Full Workshops/Classroom Space	14.7%
Synchronization of Event Timelines Parent Orientation Before the Conference Less 3 Hour Sessions Rushed in the Morning to Make it to Class	11.4%
Streamline Administrative Procedures Registry Certification Process Preregister for Classes to Help Project Space/Time Requirements	10.9%
More Handouts	2.7%

Our Thanks to . . .

- **Participants**
- **Presenters**
- **Exhibitors**
- **Early Childhood Education Center of Wisconsin/STG International, Inc.**
- **Sponsors Lakeshore Learning and Nasco**
- **WHSA Conference Steering Committee**
- **Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO)**

For your crucial contributions to our success!

2012 Conference Steering Committee

2012 Conference Chair

Jolee Zehren, Co-Chair
Green Bay Area Public Schools

Decorations

Bev Underwood, Chair, Renewal Unlimited
Becky Minning, Jefferson County/CESA 2

Exhibitors

Julie Perkovich, Chair, Sheboygan Human Rights Association
Cathy Adelman, Sheboygan Human Rights Assoc.

Hospitality

Kathy Gorrell, Chair, Rock-Walworth Comprehensive Family Services, Inc.

Keynote

Carol Keintz, Chair, Next Door Foundation

Marketing

Mary Anne Wieland, Chair, Jefferson Co/CESA 2
Julie Perkovich, Sheboygan Human Rights Assoc.

Parent Involvement

Kelly Butzlaff, Chair, UW Oshkosh
April Kendle, Urban Day School

Program & Evaluation

Cathy Howe Thwaites, Chair, Marathon Co. Child Development Agency, Inc.
Yolanda Winfrey, Urban Day School

Registration

Mary Degner, Chair, Jefferson County/CESA 2
Latrice Robinson, Urban Day School

Volunteers

Betty Clausen, Chair, ADVOCAP, Inc.
Kelly Butzlaff, Chair, UW Oshkosh

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Mark Your Calendars!

**Wisconsin Head Start Association
11th Annual Training Conference**

FEBRUARY 4-6, 2013

***Kalahari Waterpark Resort & Convention Center,
Wisconsin Dells***