



Parents as Teachers™

# Speakers Bureau



**Cheryle Dyle-Palmer, M.A.**  
Chief Operating Officer

With more than three decades of experience, Cheryle Dyle-Palmer has dedicated her career to the care and attention of the developing child and the family as an ever-changing social institution. She has been a constant advocate and champion for the underserved. Since coming to Parents as Teachers, she has guided the organization's shift to focus on the most vulnerable children and families.

At Parents as Teachers, Dyle-Palmer holds the position of Chief Operating Officer, offering extensive knowledge in organizational behavior, development and management, early childhood development, family systems and education. She administers the national office's infrastructure as it increases its presence in early childhood education, and has been instrumental in developing culturally sensitive curricula and an overarching protocol for encouraging diversity. Over her career, she has authored several curricula for professionals who serve children and adolescent parents.

Prior to joining Parents as Teachers in 2002, Dyle-Palmer was an adjunct instructor in the department of early childhood education at Harris Stowe University. She also served as vice president of children and family services for the National Benevolent Association where she was instrumental in establishing major early childhood and family support programs in the southeastern region of the United States and was the force behind the replication of Parents as Teachers in high stressed communities in Florida and Georgia.

Dyle-Palmer has served on numerous community boards, including Neighborhood Houses and Interfaith Partnership, as well as the United Way of Greater St. Louis allocations committees. She served on the U.S. Steering Committee for the China-U.S. Conference on Autism. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, National Council of Negro Women, Leadership St. Louis and the Child Welfare League of America. She is an active member and a spiritual leader at Centennial Christian Church in St. Louis. She is an often sought after speaker on the topics of organizational development, cultural competency, diversity and teen parenting.

Dyle-Palmer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Social Work and Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also holds a certificate in senior management skills from the Human and Organizational Development Institute (University of Chicago), Senior Management Skills and the John F. Kennedy School of Government/Harvard Executive Leadership and Management.

Dyle-Palmer was awarded the 1995 Program Innovator of the Year by the Literacy Council of Greater St. Louis. Also in 1995, she received the Southern Christian Services "It Only Takes a Spark" award. In 2006 she received the St. Louis American's Salute to Excellence – "Stellar Performer" Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field and the community. In 2007, she received the Annie Malone Children and Family Center Child Advocate of the Year award and in 2010 was recognized as a distinguished alumna of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Our Vision: All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.**

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