



Register Now for the 2009 Celebrating Cultural Harmony Professional Development Institute!

November 18 - 20, 2009; Crowne Plaza Hotel, 201 S. Shackleford, Little Rock, Arkansas

The **2009 Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Professional Development Institute** is the fourth annual two and a half day training event for professionals on culture sponsored by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Partners for Inclusive Communities. Planning co-sponsors include the Arkansas Department of Human Services – Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education as well as the Division of Volunteerism; the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, UAMS Head Start/Early Head Start, and the Arkansas Head Start State Collaboration Office.

Where is the Institute being held? Check out our new location in West Little Rock!

The *Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Professional Development Institute* is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This recently renovated, upscale hotel is located in West Little Rock near I-630 & I-430 at Markham and Shackleford. Crowne Plaza Little Rock is well positioned located near 25 restaurants and spectacular shopping. Shuttle service is available to the Little Rock National Airport and the downtown River Market District. Check out their website for directions and a map, a list of the hotel's exceptional amenities, and local attractions <http://www.crowneplazalittlerock.com/index.php>.

Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel at 501-223-3000. Please mention the *Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Institute* when making your reservations to be eligible for the **\$109 per night** (plus tax) special rate (same rate for up to 4 people). This special rate **expires on Tuesday, October 27, 2009**.

What does it cost to attend?

The majority of the Institute cost is being supported by the Welcome the Children project to allow low registration fees for participants. Registration cost for the entire two and a half day event ranges from \$70 to \$90 depending on date submitted and number of people registering. Registration includes two meals and break refreshments. See the attached registration form for details and registration deadlines.

Who should attend?

This professional development event is targeted to individuals who work with children and families from diverse cultures or who want to learn more about working with diverse families, including:

- Early Childhood Professionals
- K - 12 Educators / Administrators
- Higher Education Faculty and Students
- Community Based Organizations
- Mental Health Professionals
- Disability Service Providers
- Out of School Program Staff
- Youth Development Workers
- Social Workers
- Faith Based, private and public childhood programs
- Therapists (Speech, Occupational and Physical)
- Health Care Providers
- Representatives of national, state and local government

Why should I attend?

The Welcome the Children – Celebrating Cultural Harmony Institute will help you to:

- Explore your own culture by looking at history and culture
- Promote positive cultural relations
- Understand the impact of socioeconomic factors
- Understand the differences between race / ethnicity and culture
- Network with other professionals and experts on cultural issues

What type of information will be covered?

Presenters and exhibitors will address topics related to various ethnic and cultural communities. Workshop topics may also relate to immigrant families, people with disabilities, migrant and seasonal workers, and families who are homeless or economically disadvantaged.

You will be able to choose workshops with topic areas such as:

- Immigration
- Model inclusive programs for children
- National, state and community resources
- Available professional development programs and training
- Cross cultural communication strategies
- Effectively using interpreters and translators
- The effects of homelessness and poverty on children
- Race, ethnicity and disability

Check the website www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren frequently for updated information on presenters and workshops. Click on the link to the Institute pages.

Will the Institute count toward my professional development requirement?

The training hours will be verified through the Traveling Arkansas' Professional Pathways (TAPP) Early Childhood Registry. We are also approved for AR Dept. of Education professional development hours (K-12). General Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and verification of contact hours will be available for submission to various disciplines including social work and speech pathology.

When is the registration deadline?

Registration forms must be received by the deadline for each registration category. **Early registration (\$75) ends on August 31, 2009. The Regular registration (\$90) deadline is November 5, 2009.** Save \$5 on each registration by submitting registrations for three or more people at the same time, which reduces cost for early registration to \$70 and regular registration to \$85 for the group rate! **Onsite registration is not available.**

What if I register but am unable to attend?

If you register but are unable to attend the Institute, you may allow someone else to attend in your place provided that you notify us in advance of the event date. If you need to cancel your registration entirely, your cancellation request must be received in writing (e-mail, fax or regular mail) by November 5, 2009 in order to receive a refund of your registration costs. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after November 5, 2009. If you do not receive a confirmation of your cancellation request by noon, November 6th, please e-mail Barbara Whitehead at whiteheadbarbaraa@uams.edu or call her at 501-682-9900 (V); 501-682-9902 (TDD); 800-342-2923 (V/TDD).

What if I need Auxiliary Aids and Services?

We are committed to providing program access for persons with disabilities to insure full participation. This is accomplished by holding meetings and conferences in accessible locations and through the provision of auxiliary aids and services (i.e. interpreters, adapted materials). Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and services, please notify Judy Young at youngjuditha@uams.edu; 501-682-9900 (V); 501-682-9902 (TDD); 1-800-342-2923 (V/TDD); at least one month prior to the event to insure appropriate accommodations.

What if I need more information?

Please contact a Welcome the Children staff person: Brenda Reynolds reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu; Darlene Kurtz kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu; Sabrina Zarco zarcosabriniae@uams.edu; or Tanya Miller millertanyas@uams.edu; 501-682-9900 (V); 1-800-342-2923 (V/TDD); 501-682-9902 (TDD).

How do I register?

Complete the attached registration form and return it with your payment to the address below. Each participant should complete a separate registration form. We accept checks, money orders and purchase orders. Checks and money orders should be made payable to: **UAMS Welcome the Children**. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we are unable to accept cash or credit cards.

Mail Completed Registration Form and Payment To:

Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Institute
ATTN: Barbara Whitehead
Partners for Inclusive Communities
2001 Pershing Circle, Suite 300
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Note: If you prefer, you may register online at www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren.

Registration Information (Please type or print):

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Department or Program _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip / Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

We may display photos taken during the Institute on our website and exhibit board. To protect your privacy, if you do not want your photo included, please check this box and confirm your wishes at the registration table when you arrive. Do not include my photo

Registration cost – please check appropriate box when submitting your registration form:

Save \$5 on each registration fee by registering three or more people together from the same organization. Each person must complete a separate registration form. Please list the names of your co-registrants here to insure that you receive the discount. _____

- \$75 - Early Bird Registration, by August 31, 2009**
 - Only \$70 each for three or more registrants from same organization received on same date**
- \$90 - Regular Registration, September 1, 2009 through November 5, 2009**
 - Only \$85 each for three or more registrants from same organization received on same date**

Please check the days you plan to attend:

- Wednesday, November 18th
- Thursday, November 19th
- Friday, November 20th

Please check the meals that you will attend (included with your registration fee):

- I will attend the luncheon on Wednesday, November 18th
- I will attend the brunch on Friday, November 20th
- I have the following food allergies _____
- I prefer a vegetarian meal

Special Registration: **Presenter** **Exhibitor** **Sponsor** **Facilitator** **WTC Community Trainer**

If you are a presenter, exhibitor, sponsor, facilitator or an invited community trainer through the Welcome the Children Project, please check the appropriate box above and follow the separate instructions you received regarding your registration. For questions, please contact Brenda Reynolds at 501-922-1880 or reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu.

Check, money order or purchase order must accompany registration.

Payment should be made to: *UAMS Welcome the Children.*

Registration Cost \$ _____

- Check / Money Order Enclosed**
- Purchase Order # _____ The UAMS Federal Tax ID (EIN) number is 71-6046242.**
(Arkansas State agencies, please call 501-682-9900 or 1-800-342-2923 if you need the appropriate vendor number.)

Once your registration form and payment have been received, you will receive written confirmation of your registration. You are not fully registered until you receive confirmation. Please indicate your preference for how your confirmation notice should be sent. E-Mail Fax regular mail

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Wednesday, November 18, 2009	
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
9:30 am– 10:30 am	Opening Session
10:30 am – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 am – 12:20 pm	Concurrent Workshops
12:20 pm – 12:30 pm	Break
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon with Keynote Speaker
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Exhibitor Networking Session and Door Prizes
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Concurrent Workshops
Thursday, November 19, 2009	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Concurrent Workshops
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break and Exhibits
10:20 am – 11:50 am	Concurrent Workshops
11:50 am – 1:20 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:20 pm – 2:50 pm	Concurrent Workshops
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	Break and Exhibits
3:10 pm – 4:40 pm	Concurrent Workshops
Friday, November 20, 2009	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Concurrent Workshops
10:00 am – 10:10 am	Break
10:10 am – 12:30 pm	Brunch and Closing Session

Please check our website frequently for updates on speakers and workshops, <http://www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren> or contact us directly for more information. Contact information is listed on the 2nd page of this form.