



## Join us for the Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference! Pre-Conference May 11 and Full Conference May 12 - 13, 2006 Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock, Arkansas

The **2006 Welcome the Children – Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference** is the first of an annual conference on culture sponsored by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Partners for Inclusive Communities. Conference co-sponsors include the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services – the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education as well as the Division of Volunteerism; the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Arkansas Department of Education - Migrant Education Program; and the Arkansas Head Start State Collaboration Office.

### Where is the conference being held?

The Welcome the Children – Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference is being held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, which is located on the north bank of the Arkansas River, in the heart of downtown North Little Rock. Their convenient location puts you in the center of the action - just one mile from the downtown Little Rock business district, seven miles from Little Rock National Airport, across the river from the Clinton Presidential Library and the Statehouse Convention Center, and just a few blocks from Alltel Arena. Check out their website for amenities and local attractions. <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/LITNO/main.wnt>

Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel at 501-371-9000. Please mention the *Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference* when making your reservations to be eligible for **the \$69 per night conference rate** (single or double occupancy). This special rate **expires on April 20, 2006**, so register early.

The conference hotel is located at #2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR. 72114

### Who should attend?

This conference 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:

- Childcare Teachers, Owners and Administrators
- Early Childhood and Early Elementary Educators
- Service Providers
- Speech Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Health Care Providers
- Students
- Representatives of National, State and Local Government
- Individuals representing various cultural and ethnic groups

### Why should I attend?

**The Welcome the Children – Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference 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 information will be covered?

Conference presenters and exhibitors will address topics related to various ethnic and cultural communities, disabilities, and issues related to migrant families, homelessness and poverty.

**You will be able to choose from over 20 workshops with topic areas including:**

- Impact of immigration on states and communities
- Model inclusive programs for children
- Immigration laws and procedures
- National, state and community resources
- Available professional development programs and training
- Cross cultural communication strategies
- The effects of homelessness and poverty on children
- Race, ethnicity and disability

Check the website [www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren](http://www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren) frequently for updated information on conference speakers and workshops.

**Are CEUs available for conference sessions?**

Yes, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available from Pulaski Technical College. Forms to request CEUs will be provided at the conference. Certificates will be provided to verify contact hours of training.

**When is the registration deadline?**

To ensure that you are included in the number for the luncheons, please register by **May 1, 2006**. On-site registration is also allowed, but availability of meals cannot be guaranteed.

**What if I register but am unable to attend?**

If you register but are unable to attend the conference, you may allow someone else to attend in your place provided that you notify us in advance of the conference date. If you need to cancel your registration entirely, your cancellation request must be received in writing (e-mail, fax or regular mail) by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in order to receive a refund of your registration costs. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. If you do not receive a confirmation of your cancellation request by noon, May 5<sup>th</sup>, please e-mail Barbara Whitehead at [whiteheadbarbaraa@uams.edu](mailto: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 Brenda Reynolds at [reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu](mailto:reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu); 501-922-1880 (V/Fax) or Darlene Kurtz at 501-526-6885 (direct voice); 1-800-342-2923 (V/TDD); 501-682-9902 (TDD); [kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu](mailto:kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu) at least one month prior to the conference.

**What if I need more information?**

**Please contact:** Brenda Reynolds [reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu](mailto:reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu); Darlene Kurtz, [kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu](mailto:kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu); or Sabrina Zarco, [zarcosabrinae@uams.edu](mailto:zarcosabrinae@uams.edu); 501-682-9900; 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 Conference**. 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 Conference  
ATTN: Barbara Whitehead  
Partners for Inclusive Communities  
2001 Pershing Circle, Suite 300  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

**Registration Information (please print):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip / Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check dates attending and appropriate boxes:**

- Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Pre-Conference Sessions (\$25 for day)** Please check appropriate boxes:
  - I'm a Trainer! Now What? Tips and Techniques for Successful Welcome the Children Training Sessions (morning session)
  - Autism Spectrum Disorders: Epidemic or Over-Identification? (morning session)
  - Come Live a Month in Poverty: Community Action Poverty Simulation (afternoon session)
  - I will attend the luncheon (included in conference cost)

- Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>; Conference (\$25 for day)**
  - I will attend the luncheon (included in conference cost)

- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>; Conference (\$15 for day)**

- Entire Conference Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Conference (\$55)**
  - I will attend the luncheon on Thursday (included in conference cost)
  - I will attend the luncheon on Friday (included in conference cost)

- I have the following food allergies \_\_\_\_\_
- I prefer a vegetarian meal
- I prefer a vegan meal

**Special Registration:**

- Conference Presenter**     **Welcome the Children Community Trainer**

If you are a conference presenter or an invited community trainer through the Welcome the Children Project, please check the appropriate box above and follow the instructions you received regarding your conference registration. For questions, please contact Brenda Reynolds at 501-922-1880 or [reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu](mailto:reynoldsbrendak@uams.edu).

**Check, money order or purchase order must accompany registration. Payment should be made to UAMS Welcome the Children Conference.**

**Total cost** (compute based on dates attending)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Check / Money Order Enclosed**

- Purchase Order #** \_\_\_\_\_    **The UAMS Federal Tax ID (EIN) number is 1716046242A1**

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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Partners for Inclusive Communities  
2001 Pershing Circle, Suite 300  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

## Welcome the Children – Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference Schedule

| Thursday, May 11, 2006 (Pre-Conference)                |   |
|--|---|
| 8:00 am – 9:00 am                                      | Registration for Pre-Conference Sessions  |
| 9:00 am– 12:00 pm                                      | Session A - I'm a Trainer! Now What? (Tips and Techniques for Successful Welcome the Children Training Sessions) – Sabrina Zarco, Darlene Kurtz and Tanya Miller, UAMS Partners for Inclusive Communities |
|  | Session B – Autism Spectrum Disorders: Epidemic or Over-Identification? - Karan Burnette, UAMS Partners for Inclusive Communities   |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm                                     | Lunch (included)  |
| 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm                                      | Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Open Exhibits (with dessert and door prizes in Exhibit Area)   |
| 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm                                      | Session C – Come Live a Month in Poverty: Community Action Poverty Simulation - Ambra Freeman and Pamela Peter, Head Start, Kerrville, TX   |
| Friday, May 12, 2006                                   |   |
| 7:30 am – 8:30 am                                      | Registration and Refreshments (Coffee and donuts in Exhibit Area)   |
| 8:30 am – 10:00 am                                     | General Session   |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am                                    | Break and Exhibits  |
| 10:30 am – 12:00 pm                                    | Workshops   |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm                                     | Lunch (included)  |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm                                      | Workshops   |
| 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm                                      | Break and Exhibits  |
| 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm                                      | Workshops   |
| 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm                                      | Entertainment with snacks and networking in exhibit area  |
| Saturday, May 13, 2006                                 |   |
| 7:30 am – 8:30 am                                      | Registration  |
| 8:30 am – 10:00 am                                     | Workshops   |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am                                    | Break   |
| 10:30 am – 12:30 pm                                    | Closing Session   |
| No Exhibits on Saturday                                |   |
| The Conference Hospitality Room will be open each day. |   |