

Welcome the Children: *Cultural Connections* for February 2007

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¡¡Felicidades!! Congratulations are in order for several individuals involved in Welcome the Children Project. Recently, the local weekly Spanish-language newspaper, *El Latino*, recognized 25 Arkansans for their contributions to the Latino community in Arkansas in its annual “¿Quién es quién?” (“Who’s Who”) issue. Of the 25 individuals featured, 4 are involved in the Welcome the Children project. This is a great honor for them and we want to thank them for their contributions to the community. For more information about *El Latino*, see their website at <http://www.ellatinoarkansas.com/>. They are (in alphabetical order):

- Maria Garcia, WTC community trainer, recognized for her work with the Little Rock School District and in the community.
- Maria Guadalupe Touchstone, WTC Advisory Committee member, recognized for her work as the Director of the ESL Program in North Little Rock and for her leadership in the local chapter of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens).
- Andre Guerrero, one of the founding WTC advisory committee members, recognized for his work in the Arkansas Department of Education and in the area of civil rights.
- Sabrina Zarco, WTC Training Specialist, recognized for her work with WTC at UAMS Partners for Inclusive Communities, her work in the community, and her notable artwork.

The following people who were involved participated at in our “Celebrating Cultural Harmony” conference last year are also featured:

- Angela Schnuerle, a luncheon speaker who serves as the Hispanic Liaison for US Senator Blanche Lincoln;
- Patricia Salazar Houlihan, a presenter who is with Immigration Services for Catholic Charities

Upcoming Workshop Sessions:

- **February 19, 2007 - AR state HIPPIY Conference** – We hope to see you there!
- **February 22, 2007 - Searcy** – WTC training (session full)
- **March 1 -2, 2007 – North Little Rock – Register now!!** We’ll be offering full-day sessions of Modules 1 and 2. Please see the attachment for more registration information.

Articles and Websites of interest: *(Please note that any opinions included in articles are not necessarily those of WTC staff.)*

- ***Responding Professionally and Compassionately to Challenging Behavior:*** This article offers some really helpful tips as well as an in depth summary of what experience and research shows us about challenging behavior and “spirited children”. For the full article (with

the tips), click on “print this article”

http://www.ccie.com/resources/view_article.php?article_id=5011144&keyword_id=&page=1

- ***The History of Chocolate: A Mesoamerican Luxury:*** Just in time for Valentine’s Day! This link brings you to an article that discusses how chocolate was first discovered and used by the Aztecs and Mayans. There are links for other stages of the history of chocolate and classroom activities involving chocolate as well!
http://www.fieldmuseum.org/Chocolate/history_mesoamerican.html

Survey: Congratulations to Tisha Ousley, winner of our drawing from all those who submitted surveys! We are still seeking suggestions on improving and expanding the Welcome the Children project to best meet your training and resource needs. We are going to do another drawing from all those submitted by **February 28, 2007**, so please, if you haven’t already done so, take a minute to turn **yours** in today! *Please include your name if you’d like to be entered in the drawing.* Thanks.

Register Now! The **2007 Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference** will be held **May 2 - 4, 2007** at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock, Arkansas. **We hope to see you at the 2007 Conference!!! Register for the 2007 conference online:**
http://www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren/conference/attendee_form.asp

Want to receive WTC training? WTC provides free training to early childhood professionals across Arkansas. If you have a group of people who work with children and families in the early childhood arena and would like us come to your area to provide training, please contact Sabrina Zarco zarcosabrinae@uams.edu or Darlene Kurtz kurtzdarlenej@uams.edu for more information. By phone: 501-682-9900 or 800-342-2923 (V/TDD).

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