

# Welcome the Children: *Cultural Connections* for March 2007 *Volume 7*

Welcome to Volume 7! We are excited to have hosted our first Healing Racism Institute in February. It was a huge success and we appreciate all the great stories participants shared. In the spirit of healing racism and prejudice, we have included some interesting articles as well as a video clip related to that topic. We also welcome the 25 newest members of our distribution list. They were all participants in our March 1 & 2 sessions in North Little Rock. We really enjoyed all the great participation!

## Upcoming Workshop Sessions:

- March 13 Little Rock School District will host afternoon workshops for its preschool staff members (*closed session*)
- May 2,3, &4 WTC Conference! (*see below for more information*)

Keynote Speakers: We are very excited to announce that Louise Derman-Sparks and Hector Campos will be keynote speakers at our Welcome the Children Celebrating Cultural Harmony Conference in May. See the attachment for more information about them and see below for more information about the conference.

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

- **Overcoming cultural biases.** This is a brief article that outlines some helpful reminders about our culture's influence on the way we see others.  
[http://www.childcareexchange.com/eed/news\\_print.php?news\\_id=1666](http://www.childcareexchange.com/eed/news_print.php?news_id=1666)
- **Officials Hoping to Change No Child Act: Nationally and locally, president's reform for education comes under scrutiny .**By ANDREW DUNN This article offers an updated explanation about what changes are being proposed for the No Child Left Behind Act. The first half of the article covers the national arena while the second half pertains more to the specifics of the situation in Florida.  
<http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070221/NEWS/702210458/1040/NEWS12>
- **What Dolls Can Tell Us About Race in America: Teen Fimmaker Recreates Famous Race Experiment From '40s & Finds Attitudes Haven't Changed** In her film, "A Girl Like Me," Kiri Davis asked children a series of questions regarding two dolls of different skin color. She was doing a small-scale re-creation of the famous experiment in the '40s. Click here to find out about her results.  
<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id=2553348&page=1>
- **Dolls Like Me** This website offers a huge variety of dolls and accessories to customize ethnicity and ability. We know it is so important for children to be exposed to toys that represent the diversity of their homes and communities. See it at  
<http://www.dollslikeme.com/>

**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](http://www.uams.edu/welcomethechildren/conference/attendee_form.asp)

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