

Agenda

Thursday, August 28, 2008

- 7:30 – 8:45 Registration/Refreshments
- 8:45 - 9:15 Welcome- Dr. James P. Adams, Jr.,
Dean, School of Social Work
The University of Alabama
- 9:15 - 10:00 Opening Session with Keynote,
Speaker- Sara Truebridge,
Research Associate, WestEd
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 11:45 Workshop I – Nancy Payne, LCSW, PIP
Topic - Foundation of Faith: Spirituality as a
Strength for Families and Service Providers
- Workshop II – Jennifer Savage, Ph.D.
Topic - Beyond Basics: Identifying
Strengths & Solutions in Family Culture
- Workshop III – Teresa Young, LGSW
Topic - “Sitting on the Couch” and Other
Ways to Develop Effective Relationships
with Families
- Consortium Members Meeting
(Deans and Directors)
- 11:45- 1:00 Luncheon Speaker
Tony Petelos, Mayor
City of Hoover
- 1:15- 2:45 Workshop I – Sharleen Smith , Asst. Dir.,
Alabama Training Institute, AUM
Topic – Are Generations Slipping
Through the Gaps?: Understanding the
Generations - **PART 1**
- Workshop II – Denise M. Green, Ph.D.
Topic - A System of Care for Youth with
Severe Emotional Disability
- Workshop III – Lucy Cannon, Ph.D.,
LCSW, Charlotte Lillard, LMSW
Topic - Strength-Based Treatment for
Single Parent Families with Co-occurring
Disorders: A Cultural Perspective
- 2:45 - 3:00 Break

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- 3:00 - 4:30 Workshop I – Sharleen Smith
Topic – Are Generations Slipping Through the
Gaps?: Engaging the Generations – **PART 2**
- Workshop II – Lisa R. Baker, Ph.D., LCSW
Laurel I. Hitchcock, LCSW, PIP
Topic - Disaster Preparedness Planning for
Families of Children and Youth with
Special Health Care Needs
- Workshop III – Katherine W. Crisler,
LCSW, PIP; Stacy Childers, LGSW
Topic – Utilizing Social Worker Strengths to
Positively Impact Family Strengths

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- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration/Refreshments
- 9:00 -10:30 Workshop I – Margaret K. Keiley, Ed.D.;
Betty H. Struzick, MSW, MPH; Tiffany L
Lonis-Shumante, M.S.; Ali Zaremba, BA
Topic - Multiple Family Group Intervention for
Adolescents who have Sexually Offended –
PART 1
- Workshop II – Patsy Kinsaul, LCSW, PIP;
Gretchen Peppers, LCSW, PIP; Don Perry,
LCSW, PIP
Topic - Dealing with the Unexpected: Crisis
Intervention with Service Providers
- Workshop III – Emma Stacy Cosby,
LCSW, PIP; Tina Quinn, Equine Specialist
Certified
Topic - The Equine Assisted Psychotherapy
Model: An Innovative Intervention for
Troubled Youth and Families
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 Workshop I – Margaret K. Keiley, Ed.D.;
Betty H. Struzick, MSW, MPH; Tiffany L
Lonis-Shumante, M.S.; Ali Zaremba, BA
Topic - Multiple Family Group Intervention for
Adolescents who have Sexually Offended –
PART 2
- Workshop II – Beverly S. Lesyea, LCSW
Topic – Social Work in the Air Force:
Family Advocacy Program, Mental Health
Services, and More
- Workshop III – TBA
- 12:15 – 12:30 Closing Session

Hotel Information

The Sheraton Four Points Hotel has reserved a **limited** number of rooms for conference participants. The deadline for special rate reservations is July 28, 2008. Please contact the hotel at 1-800-477-2262 and ask for “In-house Reservations” to reserve your room. The Hampton Inn has also reserved a limited number of rooms. The deadline for reservations is **July 30, 2007**. Please contact the hotel at (205) 553-9800 for reservations.

Speakers’ Brief Biographies

Sara Truebridge, M.Ed., Research Associate
WestEd

Sara Truebridge serves as a Research Associate with WestEd’s Health and Human Development Program. WestEd is a nonprofit research, development, and service agency that serves to enhance and increase education and human development within schools, families, and communities. Ms. Truebridge’s work focuses on prevention, resilience and youth development theory, policy and practice. In addition to having provided numerous presentations and workshops throughout the U. S., Ms. Truebridge developed and provided resilience training to social service agencies throughout California. She recently conducted a series of resilience trainings for the entire staff of the Family and Child Services Division of the San Francisco County/City Human Services Agency. Ms. Truebridge has co-authored many publications on resilience including *A Shift in Thinking: Influencing Social Workers’ Beliefs About Individual and Family Resilience in an Effort to Enhance Well-Being and Success for All* which will be included in the 5th edition of Dennis Saleebey’s book, *The Strengths Perspective in Social Work Practice* (in press). Ms. Truebridge is a nationally recognized educator with over 15 years of classroom experience. She earned her M.A. in Educational Leadership from Mills College and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Mills College. She is one of two international recipients of the 2005 Howard M. Soule Fellowship for Doctoral Studies. Prior to becoming a teacher, Ms. Truebridge was the Legislative Analyst for education issues and women’s issues in the New York State Senate and was later appointed as the Special Assistant to the New York State Secretary of State.

Tony Petelos, Mayor
City of Hoover

Mayor Tony Petelos has a long history of service to the people of Alabama and especially Jefferson County. He was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1986 and was twice re-elected, serving until 1997. In that year, he was appointed Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources by Governor Fob James and re-appointed to that position by Governor Don Siegelman. He has served on many boards and committees over the years. He was elected Mayor of Hoover in 2004.

The Mayor is actively involved in the community, bringing his leadership abilities to groups focused on the improvement of the City of Hoover.