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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

# MFOAA

**6th Annual Conference  
October 14 & 15, 2008**

**Integrate! Innovate! Collaborate!  
Services for Children  
and their Many Families**



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# **INTEGRATE!**

# **INNOVATE!**

# **COLLABORATE!**

**Services for Children and their Many Families**



- Parents of all sorts (biological, foster, adoptive, kin)
- Children's Division staff & supervisors
- Child & family advocates
- Lawyers, judges & juvenile officers
- Counselors, therapists & their supervisors
- School administrators, teachers & staff
- Students in social work & related fields

Should join us at  
UMKC University Center  
Kansas City, MO 64110  
816-235-1411

## CONFERENCE GOALS

- Support service integration
- Share innovative approaches
- Identify when and how to preserve family relationships
- Clarify roles and improve collaboration to protect children

Children placed in foster care or for adoption have many families. They and their families must negotiate a complex web of legal representatives, educators, and mental health or social service providers. This two-day conference brings together these parents and those working with them to learn from each other, to improve their collaboration, and to discover ways to better integrate their efforts.

Each day begins with a presentation of different perspectives of child welfare, and concludes with forums to integrate the day's knowledge and perspectives. Join us and contribute to learning and growth in a blame-free environment.

## Tuesday, October 14

7:30am—8:30am: Refreshments, Sign-in

8:30am—10:15am: **Keynote: Virginia Lewis Brunk, Regional Director, Jackson County Children's Division - *Collaboration and Communication: Increasing Stability for Children in Foster Care***

10:15am—10:30am: Break

10:30am—Noon: Papers, Skills Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

Noon—1:30pm: Lunch (provided)

1:30pm—3:15pm: Papers, Skills Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

3:15pm—3:30pm: Break

3:30pm—5:00pm: Papers, Skills Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

5:15pm—6:30pm: Wine and Snack Bar, MFCAA Silent Auction

6:30pm—8:30pm: Dinner & Presentation of MFCAA Awards

## Wednesday, October 15

7:30am—8:30am: Refreshments

8:30am—10:15am: **Foster Parent Panel Discussion - *"Overlooked Strengths of Children and their Many Families"***

10:15am—10:30am: Break

10:30am—Noon: Papers, Skill Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

Noon-1:30pm: Lunch (provided)

1:30pm—3:15pm: Papers, Skill Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

3:15pm—3:30pm: Break

3:30pm—5pm: Forums, Papers, Skill Workshops, Roundtable Discussions

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## Some of Our Many Diverse Conference Presentations

Conference fees include two days of presentations, parking, lunch and one evening for the MFCAA's dinner auction. Coffee/beverages and snacks will be available during breaks between conference sessions.

### **"Overlooked Strengths of Children and their Many Families"**

Foster/Adoptive parent discussion panel

### **"Can Foster Parents Unionize?"**

Richard von Glahn—Organizing Coordinator CWA local 6355

Heather Morelan—Organizer-United Foster Parents of Missouri/CWA local 6355

### **"He Fought the Law and the Law Won: My Foster Child Has Been Arrested!"**

Lori Burns-Bucklew, J.D.

Jill Katz, J.D.

### **"Understanding a Child Sexual Abuse Investigation"**

Kealey Williams, MS, LPC, ATR-BC

### **"From Foster Child to Family Member"**

Karla Deringer Hurrell, Master Foster Parent Trainer

### **"Working with Neuropsychological Difficulties in Children and Adolescents"**

Carolyn A. Karr, Ph.D., Director, Community Counseling and Assessment Services—UMKC

### **"Different Perspectives as a Licensing Worker and Adoptive Parent"**

Jennifer Gleason, MSW—Jackson County Children's Division

### **"Using Multisystemic Treatment with Families and Children"**

Esther Ashu, LCSW

Andrea Simpson, MSW

Linda Yeates, MSW

### **"Transition Planning for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Foster Families of Youth with Disabilities"**

Tracey Williams, Ph. D. Candidate—University of Kansas

### **"Bonding Through Babywearing"**

Kara Hansen, MSW—Children's Mercy Hospital

### **"Kinship Care: Helping Children Thrive in 'Real' Homes"**

Betty Parker Blackmon, J.D., MSW—UMKC School of Social Work

### **"Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care: An Evidence Based Solution for Emotionally and Behaviorally Troubled Youth"**

Jennifer Smith, Program Supervisor—Cornerstones of Care

Justin Newkirk, MSW    Rosalyn Bertram, Ph.D.  
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Conference Chairs

**For More Information...**

**www.MFCAA.org**

# Conference Registration Form - MFCAA/UMKC 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Social Work CEU Credits

**\*All training sessions count towards foster parent training credit\***

## Conference Registration Fees:

Individuals, Professionals, Advocates, Community Members: \$125.00

Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Parent: \$125.00 - \$25.00 discount = \$100.00

Professional Requesting Social Work CEU Credit: \$150.00

I would like to sponsor a parent for the following amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Registration Deadline: October 1, 2008

\*\*Conference Registration is non-refundable - \*\*Dinner is included in Registration Fee

I plan to attend the dinner & auction

I DO NOT plan to attend the dinner & auction

**Total due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check enclosed**  \*Made out to MFCAA Conference 2008

Pay by Credit Card: Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail registration form and fees to:

MFCAA - Conference Registration  
3210 S. Lee's Summit, Rd  
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## Scholarships:

Limited scholarships are available. To apply for a scholarship, please submit a letter of request for scholarship no later than September 14th. Scholarships should be sent by mail (no electronic requests will be accepted) and should indicate if you are seeking a partial or full scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded on a need basis, and preference is given to people who have not previously received an MFCAA conference scholarship. You will be notified by mail of your scholarship determination no later than October 1st.