PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE IS $35.00

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City/State/Zip ______________________
Email _____________________________
Phone _____________________________

Did you attend the 2007 Parent Partnership Forum for Practitioners? □ YES □ NO

Do you require any accommodations? □ NO □ YES Please describe _______________________ 

WORKSHOP Selection (PICK ONE)

Session 1 □ Power and Partnerships
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Comments from Parents Who Attended the Parent Leadership Forum

“I was reminded that leadership doesn’t only mean leading a committee – it means leading by example. It was good to be with others who are passionate about children.”

“The forum identified my strength and encouraged me to move forward as an advocate.”

“I came with an open mind. I left with knowledge. I came empty, I left full of knowledge, ambition & skills for development.”

“I plan to get involved not only in my child’s school but also in my community. I plan to educate people in the resources available.”

“Quality childcare, food and fellowship with peers, possible info to use in the future”

Comments from Practitioners Who Attended the Parent Partnership Forum

“... I will apply practices to involve parents in various aspects of our organization, program ideas, decision making, etc. I also hope to practice the statement to do with the families, not to do for.”

“Work with staff on family partnership.”

I “learned ways to get families to participate.”

I learned about “more genuine involvement of parents. Reach toward parents (rather than to expect them to reach for service provider).”

“I thought this was an excellent presentation. Provided a different framework for involving parents in a more meaningful way.”

LUNCH will be provided.
Letter of attendance for employers is available.

Please register by May 5th
Submit check and form to: Delaware Early Childhood Center, Attn: Janet B. Cornwell, Miscillion and West Streets, Harrington, DE 19952
To contact: Call (302) 398-8945 or Email jcornwell@lf.k12.de.us

Advancing the Partnership Between Parents and Practitioners

PARENTS — Grow your leadership
PRACTITIONERS — Partner with parents
TOGETHER — Achieve the extraordinary

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
8AM—4PM
Dover Sheraton Hotel
Dover, Delaware

REGISTRATION DEADLINE May 5th

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
Henry Ford
Core Belief—Partnership between parents and practitioners in healthcare, education, and human services is the most effective way to improve outcomes for children.

What is the Parent Practitioner Partnership Summit? This is a day of learning to strengthen partnerships between parents and practitioners by using both parents and practitioners as co-presenters to conduct each of six essential workshops. These workshops were developed based on feedback from participants who attended the Parent Leadership Forum and Parent Partnership Forum held in 2007. The day is sure to provide an opportunity to learn:

Why the shift in education, human services and healthcare embraces partnering with families
The role of power (and powerlessness) in partnerships
How to connect with families and engage them in meetings
How to share in decision-making
How to write an IEP Vision Statement
Basic conflict resolution skills
Your communication style
Skilled dialogue to bridge cultural differences
And more….

What is the mission of the Partnership Summit?
To further promote parent leadership
To encourage practitioners to grow their partnership with families
To encourage parents to partner with practitioners

Who Should Attend?
Parents and parent leaders
Foster parents
Grandparents
Practitioners who serve children and their families in the fields of education, healthcare and human services
Legislators
Advocates for children and families
Administrators

For more information, please contact Santra Devard at (302) 834-5735 or via email at santradevard@hopecenterofdel.com

Agenda ▼ May 14th, 2008
8:00-8:30AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:30-10:00AM Break (Exhibitors’ Displays)
10:00-11:00AM Workshops (Part A)
12:1-1:00PM Lunch (Exhibitors’ Displays)
1:00-2:00PM Workshops (Part B)
2:00-3:00PM Workshops (Part B)
3:00-4:00PM Workshops (Part C)
4:00-5:00PM Workshops (Part C)
5:00-6:00PM Workshops (Part C)
6:00-7:00PM Workshops (Part C)

Session 2 (A&B) Building Relationships One Meeting at a Time (Kathleen Minke and Michelle Lamers)
This session is designed to help parents and practitioners develop skills in working collaboratively toward shared goals. We will discuss meeting preparation, communication strategies to use in meetings, facilitation skills, decision-making, plan development and follow-up. The CORE Model of Collaboration will be introduced, which has as its goal for all participants to leave meetings feeling more Connected, Optimistic, Respected, and Empowered than they did at the start of the meeting.

Session 3 THE IEP Part A—The IEP:U: No Parent Left Behind (Bruce Orr)
This session teaches: strategies to support parents in being confident participants in the IEP process; how to get support from the educational system when developing and setting goals for your child; and how to write an IEP Vision Statement. Parents are sure to be empowered to grow their level of participation in the IEP process and practitioners ready to welcome their.
Part B—What Does the IEP Mean to You? (Fran Fletcher)
Name That Acronym: Infuriating, Exhausting, Painful, Indescribable, Exasperating, Paralyzing, Irritating, Excruciating, Pyrotechnical. This session will focus on the mechanics of IEP meetings, offer a view of how conflict situations often emerge and present tips, techniques and strategies for resolving issues and creating an effective IEP meeting process. By the end of this session, IEP will stand for Inclusive, Engaging, Partnership.

Session 4 (A&B) Using Effective Communication to Build Partnerships (Jennifer Clement and Sally Pitts-Rakes)
What is your communication style? Are you direct or indirect in your conversations? How do you communicate to get things done? How do you get a message across? This workshop focuses on the methods used to hold the most effective conversations. Attendees will hear and reflect on personal experiences that will enhance skill building and practical application. The participants will learn how to utilize a questioning process to facilitate conversations, as well as how to use reframing to clarify, specify and personalize information. Attendees will participate in hands-on activities and collaborative assignments.

Session 5 (A&B) Committees and Causes: Collaboration and Shared Leadership (Janet Umble and Keisha Talley)
Parents and practitioners can be powerful allies when they serve on committees together and/or advocate for the same causes. In this session, we’ll explore what it means to truly collaborate and share leadership and then apply those principles to two settings: effective committee meetings and advocacy for causes both parents and practitioners care about.

Session 6 (A&B) Skilled Dialogue and the 3R’s of Relationships (Respectful, Reciprocal, and Responsive) (Cynthia Paris and Arnetta Woodson)
In this session, you will learn communication skills and strategies for engaging family members and practitioners in respectful and responsive dialogue on behalf of children.
Skills and strategies focus on building relationships on shared power that bridge differences of experience, values, culture, race, economic status on behalf of children. You will identify challenging situations from your own experience and practice strategies for establishing respectful relationships that equalize power and are responsive to the needs and perspectives of all.

PARENT REGISTRATION FORM
Name__________________________
Address________________________
City/State/Zip___________________
Email__________________________
Phone__________________________
I am a □ Parent/Guardian □ Foster Parent □ Grandparent □ Other Family Member
Did you attend the 2007 Parent Leadership Forum? □ YES □ NO
Tell me more about: □ On-Site Childcare—Fee $15.00 (Age ______)
(Children provided by Teachers on Call. Upon registration, detailed information will be provided about staff, activities for the day, experiences and credentials.) □ Transportation □ Language Interpretation □ Other

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