

## Breakout Sessions

**Children with Special Needs** - This session will focus on available resources and support for families that include a child with a disability. Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) will be explained with an emphasis on parents' rights and responsibilities within the process.. This session is translated into Spanish.

**Anger Behavior Management** - This workshop will focus on helping teens and families to prevent outbursts of anger and learn positive ways to communicate about anger. This session is translated into Spanish.

**Partnering in the Land of Oz** - This session will take a look at effective practitioner/parent partnerships in parent leadership involvement.

**Immigration Issues** - This workshop will take a look at updates and current proposals to modify immigration laws. This session is spoken in Spanish and translated into English.

**The Yellow Brick Road to Parent Leadership and Advocacy** - Parents will gain insight into ways they can begin to step up into a "leadership role" and advocate in their community for programs and services which will benefit all families and children.

**Early Childhood and YOU** - This presentation will cover an introduction of the Kansas Coalition for School Readiness. It explains how parents can get involved and what you can do to help.

**Strengthening Families** - This workshop will provide an overview of the Strengthening Families approach and Protective Factors that support and strengthen all families.

**It Sounds So Easy, But It's So Hard to Do: Building and Maintaining Positive Nurturing Relationships While Living with Difficult Circumstances** - This session will discuss "What makes a supportive and helpful parent child relationship?" This workshop will be spoken in Spanish and translated into English.

**Mexican Consulate** - Parents will gain knowledge into remittance programs, 3 for 1 programs, hometown clubs and their relationship with community origin development projects. This session is spoken in Spanish and translated into English.

## Goals of Conference

Parents, providers and staff will:

- Understand the meaning of advocacy and how to become effective advocates for all children;
- Develop skills necessary to be actively engaged in local, state and national issues impacting children and families;
- Understand their rights and responsibilities as a parent in the public school;
- Understand the importance of parent involvement and its link to education success for all children.

## Planners & Supporters

Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Families Together, Inc.

Head Start Collaboration

Kansas Association of Child Care and Resource and Referral Agencies

Kansas Children's Service League

Kansas Family Advisory Network, Inc.

Kansas Head Start Association

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center

Kansas State Department of Education Parents as Teachers

Kansas State Department of Education Migrant Education

State Interagency Coordinating Council



# 2009 Parent Leadership Conference



October 2-3, 2009

Holiday Inn  
605 SW Fairlawn Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Conference Information

- Registration and meals are free!!!
- FREE child care is available on site!!!!
- Mileage reimbursement and hotel room will be paid for any parent attending the conference.
- Staff are responsible for their own hotel reservations and payment.

## Conference and Hotel Information

### Holiday Inn Holidome

605 SW Fairlawn  
Topeka, KS 66606

**Parents & Providers:** Room reservations will be made by Natalie Schweda. **Deadline is September 11, 2009.**

**Staff:** Call the hotel directly at 1-800-822-0216 or (785) 272-8040. Tell them you are with the Parent Leadership Conference.

### Mileage Reimbursement

- Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) will provide mileage reimbursement (up to \$100.00) to 40 parents whose children attend a Title I school
- Individual Head Start Programs will fund transportation and child care expenses for their parents as well as staff expenses.
- Children's Cabinet will provide mileage reimbursement (up to \$100.00) for 20 additional parents.

**Note:** In order to keep this conference "free of charge", it is important that if you register, that you attend. After registering, if you are unable to attend, please contact Natalie Schweda at (785) 783-2975, Toll Free 1-866-711-6711 or at nschweda@kpirc.org

# Keynote Presenter

**Victor Bernstein, Ph.D.**, is Research Associate (Associate Professor) in the School of Social Services Administration at The University of Chicago. In addition he is a consultant, trainer and co-founder of The Ounce of Prevention Fund (Illinois) Developmental Training and Support Programs.

This keynote address, "Appreciating, Enjoying, and Celebrating our Children: The Key to Building Positive Parent-Professional Relationships" will focus on the celebration of the joy that our children bring to our lives.

# Agenda

## Friday, October 2, 2009

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Opening Keynote
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 11:45 am	<b>Breakout Session I</b>
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Breakout Session II</b>
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm - 3:20 pm	<b>Breakout Session III</b>
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Parent Advocacy Panel
4:30 pm	Adjourn-Hotel Check-in
6:00pm	Banquet

## Saturday, October 3, 2009

8:30 am - 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Door Prizes
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Legislative Address
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Kansas Parent Initiative
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Parent Cafe'
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Parent Testimony
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Adjourn

# Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one      Parent      School      Agency      Other

I will be staying at the Holiday Inn.                      Yes    or    No

I will be attending the following meals:

Friday lunch                      Yes    or    No

Friday dinner                     Yes    or    No

Saturday breakfast              Yes    or    No

Saturday lunch                  Yes    or    No

Special Dietary/Accommodation/Translation Needs?

(Translation services available upon request.) \_\_\_\_\_

I will need child care.    Yes    or    No

If yes, what is the age(s) of your child/children?

I will need child care for both days.                              Yes    or    No

If no, which day do you need child care? \_\_\_\_\_

I will need mileage reimbursement.                              Yes    or    No

### Please mail or fax this section to:

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC)  
3500 SW 10th Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604  
Fax            (785) 215-8742

### Register online at:

www.kpirc.org

**Questions?** Call Natalie at (785) 783-2975 or Toll Free at 1-866-711-6711

**Registration deadline is September 11, 2009**