

***“Celebrating Excellence – Innovation,
Expertise, Networking”***
Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference

**Tuesday, March 2nd, 1:00 – 5:00 pm and
Wednesday, March 3rd, 8:30 – 12:00 pm**

Session 1: Early Head Start Summit

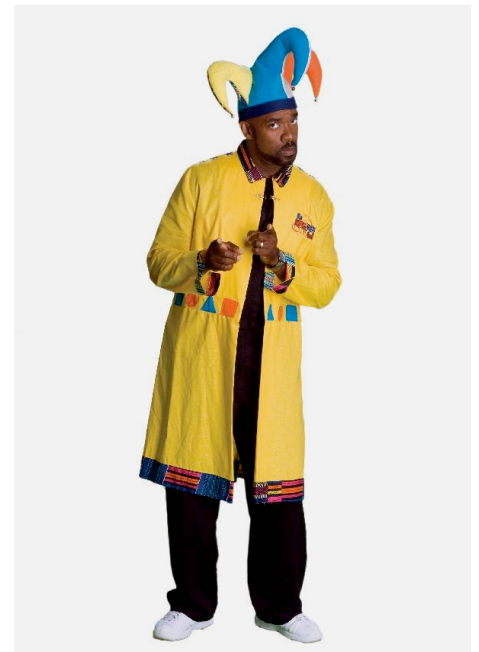
**Session 2: Understanding Our Work with the
Homeless**

Wednesday, March 3rd, 1:00 – 2:15 pm
Opening Session

**Shawn Brown
CEO
Role Model Productions
Atlanta, Georgia**

**“Coming Out of the Comfort Zone”
An Upbeat and High Impact Session with
Music and Comedy**

Specializing in Music for Children!



Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010 2:30 – 4:45 pm Concurrent Focus Sessions

1. New Millennium Music for the New Millennium Child

Shawn Brown, CEO

Role Model Productions

Atlanta, Georgia

Check him out at the Super Fun Show! www.superfunshow.com

2. Would I Work For Me?

Columbus Copeland

CEO and President

Performance Enhancement

Empowerment Training

Charlotte, North Carolina

3. The 3 Q Formula for Increasing Parent Meeting Attendance: Query + Quality = Quantity

Shannon Pargin/SIU-C Head Start

4. Disabilities: Identifying, Interventions and Expectations -Including Response and Recognition

Quincy Head Start Program/Illinois Center of Excellence

5. Head Start Leadership in 2010

New Leaders, New Rules and New Opportunities...

6. Gateway Credentials – What’s That I Hear about the Gateway Credentials Embedded in Legislation? What is the Impact for Head Start?

Joni Scritchlow/Director of Professional Development/INCCRRA

7. Facing Difficult Issues: Early Head Start Opportunities with Families, Colleagues and Collaborators

Claudia Quigg, Executive Director, Baby Talk, Decatur, IL

8. Center of Excellence: "Our Goals Made Us Do It

Quincy Head Start Program/Illinois Center of Excellence

Wednesday, March 3rd, 5:00 -6:00 pm Evening Reception

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Component Meetings - Elections for Region V Board Representative, Component Vice President and Component Secretary (See attached information for more detail)

Thursday, March 4th, 2010 10:15 – 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions

- 1. Components of Excellence: What Makes Our Program So Special**
Project NOW/Illinois Center of Excellence
- 2. Latest Information on Non Federal Share – The In's & Out's From the Expert**
Ted Waters, Feldsman Tucker Leifer Fidell, Washington DC
- 3. Accountability and Efficiency – Creating a Powerful and Effective Data Entry Team**
Kelly Smith, ChildPlus Software
- 4. The Best Is Yet To Come! Motivation and Self Esteem**
Emma Broom/Service First Education and Training
Charlotte, North Carolina
- 5. Music & the Brain: How Music is Linked to Early Literacy & Language Development**
Sarah Teichler/Kindermusik International
- 6. How to Profit From Your Passion**
Columbus Copeland, CEO and President, Performance Enhancement Empowerment Training, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 7. Scared by Community Needs Assessment? IECAM Can Help!**
Dawn Thomas/Bernard Cesarone/ Illinois Early Child Asset Map/University of IL
- 8. Linking Head Start's Professional Development System with the State System – Professional Development Advisors. This Is a Special Track for Those Individuals Responsible for Professional Development**
Joni Scritchlow/Director of Professional Development
INCCRRA

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 10:00 – 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions, Continued

9. Early Head Start and Collaboration with Part C

10. Make Meal Time Family Time

Toni Kay Wright, MS. RD, LDN, SNS

11. Oral Health Needs Are Related to Policy – An Excellent Opportunity to Support Building Illinois Policy for Head Start & Early Head Start Oral Health Needs

Bridge To Healthy Smiles

Thursday, March 4th, 2010 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 1:30 – 4:45 pm Concurrent Focus Sessions

1. Healthy Kids Learn! State Initiatives That Support Early/Head Start

Panel Moderator

Debra O'Connell, Child Health & Development Content Leader
Heartland Head Start

Julie Doetsch, M.A., Manager
IL Department of Healthcare & Family Services, Child Health Section

Jamie Gates, M.Ed., Coordinator
IL Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Healthy Communities

Julie Janssen, RDH, MA, Acting State Dental Director
IL Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health

Tracey Kreipe, Regional Nurse Consultant
IL Department of Public Health, Illinois Lead Program

Gail Tanner, Au.D., CCC-A
IL Department of Public Health, Office of Health Promotion
Vision & Hearing Section

2. Linking Head Start's Professional Development System with the State System – Professional Development Advisors. This Is a Special Track for Those Individuals Responsible for Professional Development (Continuation from Morning Session)

Joni Scritchlow/Director of Professional Development/INCCRRA

3. Partnering With Families to Increase Outcomes: Partnering Outcomes Wow!

Lorri Bernier & Kim Larson
TCOC Head Start

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 1:30 – 4:45 pm Concurrent Focus Sessions, Continued

4. Do You Hear What the Children Are Saying? Effective Listening and Questioning Skills

Emma Broom/Services First Education and Training
Charlotte, North Carolina

5. Update from the Office of Head Start

Region V Office of Head Start (Invited but Has Not Confirmed)

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 1:30 – 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

1. ARRA Reporting – The In's and Out's of Reporting From An Expert

Ted Waters, Feldsman Tucker Leifer Fidell, Washington DC

2. Teach Me! Linking Literacy and Social Emotional Activities for Young Children

Amy Santos & Graduate Students
University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana

3. Collaboration between Early Head Start and Infant Mental Health

Dawn Thomas, IECAM, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana

4. At Home with Science

PACT Head Start

5. Excellence in Head Start: An Integrated Approach to Management.

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Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 3:15 – 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions

1. Ask the Expert – Open Q & A with the Legal Expert

Ted Waters, Feldsman Tucker Leifer Fidell, Washington DC

2. Leading In Times of Change

Lorena Johnson, M.A., M.P.A.
Program Director of the Certified
Public Manager Program of Illinois, University of Illinois @ Springfield

3. Why Won't She Behave? An Early Head Start Perspective

Amy Santos & Graduate Students
University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana

4. I Am Spoiled 2! A. B. C's to a Single Parent Journey

Latrice Foules, Divine Consulting/ S.P.O.I.L.E.D.

5. Science For the Young Child

Nancy Maycroft, Education

Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Evening Banquet

Evening Key Note Speaker – Columbus Copeland

Columbus Copeland,
CEO and President
Performance Enhancement
Empowerment Training
Charlotte, North Carolina

Columbus Copeland, Author of “The Art Of Overcoming” Workplace and Life Strategies, knows a lot about overcoming. He travels throughout the country delivering electrifying keynote speeches to companies, businesses, organizations, colleges, and faith based programs. In Copeland, you will find someone who has lived what he teaches, and has practiced what he preaches. Having weathered tumultuous storms of his own, he does not merely offer his audience and readers yet another fleeting feel good moment in his speaking and writing but genuine strategies and solutions for the real challenges they face in all aspects of their lives.

Scholarships & Awards

DJ and Dancing – 8:30 – 11:30 pm

Friday, March 5th, 2010, 8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions
Focus on Policy and Research

1. News & Views from DC

Yasmina Vinci, Executive Director, National Head Start Association

2. What’s the Latest Research and the Implications for Head Start and Early Head Start – Includes an update on the Impact Study

Ben Allen, Research and Evaluation Director, National Head Start Association

3. The Head Start Vision of the Illinois Early Childhood Landscape

Gina Ruther, Illinois Head Start State Collaboration Director

Vanessa Rich, Director, City of Chicago, Family Support Services

Friday, March 5th, 2010, 8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions, Continued
Focus on Policy and Research

4. Building Policy Relationships

George Davis, Executive Director, City of Rockford

Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Executive Director, Illinois Head Start Association

5. Being the Best Advocate for Your Child

Friday, March 5th, 2010, 10:00 – 12:00 am Brunch & Closing Session

Closing Session

Panel Discussion with Distinguished Guests

“Roadmap to Excellence”