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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ILLINOIS RESPITE COALITION ANNUAL RESPITE SUMMIT

Thursday, April 22, 2010

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Hilton Springfield

700 East Adams Street | Springfield, Illinois 62701

SUMMIT AGENDA

- 8:30 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 am** Opening Remarks/Welcome
Charles D. Johnson, Director, IL Dept. on Aging (invited)
Michelle R.B. Saddler, Secretary, IL Dept. of Human Services (invited)
Erwin McEwen, Director, IL Dept. of Children and Family Services (invited)
- 9:45 am** **Key Note** Greg Link, US Administration on Aging
- 11:00 am** Panel Discussion
- 12:00 pm** Lunch (provided)
- 1:15 pm** Breakout Sessions
- 3:30 pm** Closing Session

Key Note Speaker: GREG LINK

Greg Link is an Aging Services Program Specialist with the U.S. Administration on Aging. He has responsibility for the National Family Caregiver Support Program and provides technical assistance to the aging network on caregiver programs as well as transportation and other issues associated with the Older Americans Act programs. Before coming to AoA, Greg worked at the National Association of State Units on Aging where he worked closely with states on family care giving, consumer direction and transportation. At the community level, Greg was a case manager and social services manager at Senior Friendship Centers in Fort Myers, FL, providing services funded by OAA, state and Medicaid waivers. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Arts in Government from Johns Hopkins University.

Breakout Session Speakers:

Tamara Guy is currently working for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois as the Prevention Specialist for the Central Region. Tamara builds services, provides resources, and engages community partners in child abuse and neglect prevention. Prior to coming to the PCA Illinois in October 2005, Tamara was an adoption case worker. Over the course of her career, Tamara has presented workshops and trainings at local and national levels. As a licensed foster parent for the past 6 years, Tamara has personal life experiences working with children and families who have been exposed to abuse and trauma. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology from Eureka College.

Denise McCaffrey is the Director of Prevention Awareness and Education for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. She is responsible for the overall direction and management of all prevention programs and public awareness activities for the agency. Denise directs and supervises the statewide Prevention Specialist program and its staff. Prior to taking this position, she served for 6 years as the Prevention Resource Developer (PRD) for the Central Region. As a PRD, Denise worked to link Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse Treatment and Child Welfare services. Denise holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Springfield and is a national parent leader for the Circle of Parents Organization.

Sherri Schneider is the founder of Family Benefit Solutions, Inc. Sherri has been tirelessly dedicated to helping individuals with special needs and their families. She was instrumental in creating one of the first Community Living Facility (CLF) facilities funded under a Medicaid waiver. She has skillfully established and maintained open, productive relationships with government agencies and will share her insight with us.

About the IRC

The Illinois Respite Coalition is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of "Lifespan Respite", promoting education and training for users and providers of respite services and advocating support for families by insuring universal access to quality respite services for the residents of the State of Illinois.

Contact the IRC: 630-529-2871 ext. 3242 | www.illinoisrespite.org

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special Accommodations Required: ___Meals ___Mobility ___Communication ___Other Describe: _____

___ Exhibitor Booth \$25.00

Please return registration form and \$25.00 registration fee (made payable to "Marklund for IRC") by April 10, 2010 to:

Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC)
164 South Prairie Avnue
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For Information Contact: Julie Pandya, IRC Coordinator at: 630-529-2871 Ext. 3242 (Ask about group and caregiver rates.)

Space is Limited --- Register TODAY!

Lodging is available. Please call Hilton Hotel at 217-789-1530 to reserve rooms (discount rates available for a limited time).