

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Co-Sponsored by American Humane and
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Poverty Summit

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009

1-6 p.m.

Westin Hotel, Pittsburgh

How Differential Response Systems Are Addressing Poverty-Related Neglect

Experts argue that while maltreatment must be dealt with decisively, child neglect often cannot be disentangled from poverty and that helping families address their financial straits has more benefits for children than does separating them from their families. Now, with reports of neglect accounting for more than 60 percent of all reports to child welfare systems, according to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), it is critical to examine alternative strategies for disentangling poverty and neglect. Child welfare and other systems are beginning to find creative and concrete ways of addressing the salient needs of children and families living in poverty, when child maltreatment co-occurs. In an example of such innovation, a growing number of child welfare agencies are implementing differential response with child abuse and neglect reports to address the financial problems experienced by families that place children at risk of harm.

In this pre-conference summit, participants will engage in a preliminary discussion of the intersection of poverty and neglect as it relates to current child protection policy and practice, with a specific focus on differential response systems. The summit will offer an opportunity to dialogue with leaders in the field who are committed to studying the relationship between poverty and neglect, and to raising awareness about the economically vulnerable children and families in our communities. National, state and local visionaries and researchers on poverty, disproportionate minority representation, housing, multisystem collaboration to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency, and differential response will lead this session. Summit participants will discuss how differential response-organized CPS systems can address poverty-related neglect. The summit's proceedings will be developed and disseminated nationally to highlight this critical issue that impacts systems and families.

Certificates of Attendance and Continuing Education Units

Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the summit. The presentations during the summit have been approved for CEUs by the Washington Chapter, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Mental Health Counselors. Continuing education certificates will be provided free of charge to any participant requesting them.

Confirmed Speakers

Marc Cherna

*Director Allegheny County Department of
Human Services, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Jodie Levin-Epstein

*Deputy Director, Center for Law and Social
Policy, Washington, D.C.*

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*Institute of Applied Research,
St. Louis, Mo*

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*MRS Consultant/Trainer, North Carolina
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*Social Service Specialist III, Nevada
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Poverty Summit Registration Form

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Registration Information:

Participation in the Poverty Summit is FREE for all interested participants. Please fill out the registration form below, in order to ensure that the space is organized to accommodate all.

If you are also interested in attending the American Humane's 2009 Conference on Differential Response in the Child Welfare System, visit <http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-children/conferences-trainings/differential-response-conference.html>, to register.

PLEASE PRINT (one attendee per form)

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Name (for name tag): _____

Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

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If you need special accommodations or meals, please indicate here how we might accommodate you: _____

**Please fax or e-mail this form to Candy Larue at 303-858-0871
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For question about this event and how to register please call 303-925-9440.**