2008 Urban-Rural Interface Conference

Promoting Linguistic and Cultural Competence and Eliminating Ethnic Disparities in Systems of Service

Thursday, April 24, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Downtown
Huntsville, Alabama

Estimated 4 PDUs & 4 Contact Hours for health professionals, social workers and family & consumer scientists

Registration Fee before April 1—$55
Registration Fee April 1 through April 24—$75

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The 2008 Urban-Rural Interface Conference (URIC) is designed to educate consumers about linguistic and cultural barriers many immigrants face, particularly the nation's growing Hispanic population. Invited speakers will engage the audience in discussions about problems and potential solutions on how to develop and strengthen services to immigrant audiences as follows:

**Health Forum:** To promote the development of models that increase access to health care and knowledge of health risk factors and prevention strategies for limited English-proficient people.

**Moderator**

Dr. Kathleen Tajeu, Community Health Specialist, Extension, Auburn University

**Panelists**

Mr. Juan Canedo, Executive Chair, Nashville Latino Health Coalition, Nashville, TN
Ms. Gwen Lipscomb, Director of Minority Health, Alabama Department of Public Health, Montgomery, AL
Mr. John Ocampo, Chair, Alabama Alliance for Latino Health, Birmingham, AL

**Education Forum:** Promoting improved English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for adult immigrants and English Language Learner (ELL) and Parental Involvement programs for elementary and secondary education level students.

**Moderator**

Ms. Andrea Word-Allbritton, Director of ESL Programs, Lecturer, University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL

**Panelists**

Dr. Paul H. Matthews, Assistant Director & Outreach Coordinator, Center for Latino Achievement & Success in Education, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Ms. Christina Miller, Director, Adult Education & GED Services, Calhoun Community College, Decatur, AL
Ms. Nancy Stone, Parent Involvement Educator, Big Spring Lake Kindergarten School, Albertville, AL

**Community Relations Forum:** Promote the need to build stronger working relations between institutions and the various ethnic groups in the United States that will positively affect the environment of a diverse community.

**Moderator**

Mr. Kenneth Anderson, Department Chair, Social Sciences Division, Calhoun Community College, Decatur, AL

**Panelists**

Dr. Terry Horgan, Director of Hispanic Services, Woodbine Community Organization, Nashville, TN
Sgt. Mark Roberts, Community Relations Supervisor, Huntsville Police Department, Huntsville, AL
Mr. Kelvin D. Jones, III, Executive Director, Metro Human Relations Commission, Nashville, TN

**Participants**

This event is open to the public, including service providers in the areas of health, education, labor, economics, and community relations, such as health care providers, educators, governmental and family care organizations, students, and other individuals and organizations that serve immigrant populations.

**Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Guadalupe Quintanilla
Associate Professor, University of Houston & President, Cross-Cultural Communication Center of Houston, TX

Dr. Guadalupe Quintanilla is a well-respected educator and holds the rank of associate professor of Modern & Classical Languages Department, University of Houston. She is also the president of the Cross-Cultural Communication Center of Houston and has received national acclaim for her work with law enforcement agencies. In 1984, she became the first Hispanic United States representative to the United Nations and has even been nominated for the position of assistant attorney general; a position she turned down. Today, Dr. Quintanilla continues to be very active in community affairs and serves on numerous boards and commissions at the local, state, and national levels.

**Registration Information**

Registration Fee April 1 through April 24, 2008—$75

For more information contact Conference Registrar, Mrs. Susan Glover @ 256-372-4946 or visit www.aces.edu/urban for the latest information and schedule.

**Questions?**

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