



June 25, 2008

Dear Colleague

Please mark your calendars for the **2008 Fall Executive Conference** Wednesday through Friday, **September 17 – September 19**, at the **Hyatt Grand Champions** Resort and Spa in Indian Wells.

We are putting together a unique and fascinating program to challenge and support you and your leadership staff in these changing times. Our list of outstanding speakers and topics will include:

- **John Wagner**, Director of the California Department of Social Services, along with... **Elaine Bush**, Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Mental Health in a presentation and panel moderated by Carroll Schroeder.
- **John Briere, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology; Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California; Director, Psychological Trauma Program, LAC-USC Medical Center; Co-Director, MCAVIC-USC Child and Adolescent Trauma Program, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, SAMHSA; speaking on **trauma-informed treatment**.
- **James Bell, JD, (invited)** Founder and Director of the Burns Institute, is a national leader in devising and implementing strategies to remedy the **disproportionality** of young people of color in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.
- **David Steinhart**, Director, Juvenile Justice Program at Commonweal, speaking on how juvenile justice responsibility and funding is rapidly evolving in California.
- **Dr. Tara Reed**, Associate Director, Mental Health Association of Los Angeles, Transition Age Youth Program, speaking on effective services to **Transition Age Youth**.
- **Seclusion and Restraint Reconsidered:** With a panel including clinical leadership staff from **Casa Pacifica** which has implemented fascinating, new, effective alternatives to seclusion and restraint in crisis situations.
- **Elizabeth Carey**, New Senior Vice President and COO of the national Alliance for Children and Families with a national perspective. Elizabeth Carey has a comprehensive professional background that includes social work, government relations, and statewide membership association leadership.

And there will be much more, including speakers still in the works. Carroll Schroeder and Dave Helmsin will bring you up to date on the latest trends in Sacramento and how they may impact your agency.

The Conference will once again feature the Alliance Annual **Wine and Water Tasting** focusing on this year's State Fair gold medal winners plus some other favorites, and sparkling waters from the world over.

Back by popular demand, the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Educator's Summit** will be held **Saturday, September 20**, a real must for all agencies with nonpublic schools and charter schools. Registration for the Summit is separate from the Fall Executive Conference.

Don't miss this conference and don't delay. Remember, there will be only two Executive Conferences this year: Fall and Winter. Make your hotel reservation by calling the **Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and Spa** by **August 4** to qualify for the special room rate of \$155, for single or double occupancy. The reservation number is (800) 233-1234 or (760) 341-1000.

If you have any question regarding the conference, please contact Debbie Clore-Myers our conference planner at (916) 449-2273, extension 12. You may also reach her by email at [dcmyers@cacfs.org](mailto:dcmyers@cacfs.org).

This conference promises to be **outstanding**. Don't miss out.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carroll".

Carroll Schroeder  
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