

*1 in every 50 children  
in the U.S. will go to  
sleep without a home  
this year.*



# 4<sup>th</sup> Young Children Without Homes National Conference

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Attend the *4th* Young Children Without Homes National Conference

This conference will focus on:

- the value of quality early education and care for young homeless children;
- cross-systems training and network;
- collaboration locally and nationally;
- concrete strategies for local implementation.

## WHEN?

June 15–16, 2009

## WHERE?

Boston Marriott Copley Place,  
Boston, Massachusetts

## WHO'S INVITED?

- providers of early education and care services;
- providers of services in family shelters;
- health professionals;
- pre-school teachers/administrators;
- homeless education liaisons;
- head start providers;
- social workers;
- early intervention specialists;
- policymakers;
- legislators and more!

To register, go to:

[www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org)

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**HORIZONS FOR  
HOMELESS CHILDREN**

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**June 15–16, 2009** *(Please note that some times may change.)*

## **MONDAY, June 15**

7:30am–8:30am

*Registration, Exhibits &  
Continental Breakfast*

8:30am–10:00am

*Welcome Opening Session*

10:15am–12:15pm

*Workshop & Site Visits*

12:30 pm–2:30pm

*Luncheon Speakers & Exhibits*

2:45 pm–4:30pm

*Workshops*

4:30pm–5:00pm

*Exhibits*

5:00pm–6:00pm

*Networking Cocktail Reception*

6:30pm

*Group Dinner in City of Boston (at participants' own expense)*

## **TUESDAY, June 16**

7:30am–8:30am

*Registration, Exhibits &  
Continental Breakfast*

8:30am–10:00am

*Opening Session*

10:15am–12:15am

*Workshops & Site Visits*

12:30pm–2:00pm

*Luncheon Speakers & Exhibits*

2:15pm–4:00pm

*Workshops*

4:15pm–5:00pm

## **PROGRAM MODEL: SITE VISITS**

Horizons for Homeless Children improves the lives of homeless children by providing early education and care in our Community Children's Centers and by creating and staffing Playspaces (educational and recreational spaces) in shelters throughout Massachusetts to help them learn, play, explore, build social skills and just be kids. On Monday and Tuesday mornings during this conference, Horizons for Homeless Children will host site visits at one of our Community Children's Centers and at a Playspace in a family shelter.

## **BOSTON INFORMATION:**

The City of Boston draws over 12 million visitors across the country and around the world every year. Boston is famous for its museums, world-class colleges and universities, world champion Red Sox, as well as its history and culture.

## **CONFERENCE AND HOTEL INFORMATION:**

This year's conference will take place at Boston Marriott Copley Hotel in downtown Boston. The hotel is located at 110 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA. If you are in need of a hotel room during the conference, the hotel is offering a special room discount rate of \$259 for a single room and \$299 for a double room. You must book the room by 6pm on May 26, 2009 to receive this discount rate. To reserve a room, please call 1.800.228.9290 and mention "4th Young Children Without Homes National Conference," or visit <http://cwp.marriott.com/bosco/horizonsforhomelesschildr/>.

## **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

To register for the 4th *Young Children Without Homes* National Conference, visit our agency website [www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org).

**Conference Cost:** \$275 Early Bird Registration; must be received on-line by May 1, 2009  
\$300 after May 1, 2009 • \$175 One Day Registration (no Early Bird discount).

**Questions about registration?** E-mail [srichman@meetingdesigns.com](mailto:srichman@meetingdesigns.com) or call **781.793.0088**.

**Other conference questions?** E-mail [conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](mailto:conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org) or call **617.445.1480**.

Check website for scholarship opportunities.

# WORKSHOPS

## Best Practices and Impact: Strategies for Serving Young Homeless Children *(Samples)*

### Use of Language and Health Literacy Strategies with Families who are Homeless

**Dr. Therese M. O'Neil-Pirozzi**, Speech Language Pathology Program Director & Associate Professor, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

### Guiding Young Homeless Children's Development and Learning Through Motor Skills

**Sandra Putnam-Franklin**, Senior Early Childhood Specialist, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA



### The Visible Child Initiative: Elevating the Needs of Infants and Toddlers in Supportive Housing

**Sharon Henry-Blythe**, Director of Children and Family Policy and Research, Family Supportive Housing Center, LLC, St. Paul, MN

### Designing Parenting Programs for Homeless Families: What works?

**Mary C. Herrington**, Regional Coordinator, Richard Public Schools, Richmond, VA

**“The workshops I attended were, without exceptions, highly pertinent and very engaging.”**

—participant at the *3rd Young Children Without Homes* National Conference in 2008

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## Current Policies and New Policy Initiatives: How Can We Help? *(Samples)*

### The Elephant in the Living Room—Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Homelessness

**Pat Morgan**, Executive Director,  
Partners for the Homeless, Memphis, TN

### Findings from “America’s Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness”

**Christina Jordan**, Senior Policy Manager, National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton, MA

### Caring for our Littlest Ones: Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs Experiencing Homelessness

**Patricia Popp**, PhD, Virginia State Coordinator, Project HOPE, Williamsburg, VA



### Connecting the Dots—Rationale behind the Current Policies, Funding Streams and State Mandates

**Ann Reale**, Former Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Boston, MA

**“The location was fantastic. The variety of workshops and speakers was great.”**

—participant at the *3rd Young Children Without Homes* National Conference in 2008

## Plenary Sessions

**Ellen Bassuk, President,**  
*National Center on Family  
Homelessness*

The National Center on Family Homelessness kicked off their “Campaign to End Child Homelessness” with the release of “America’s Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness.” Come learn about this exciting Campaign and how you can work in your state to end child homelessness!

**Lesley Koplow, Director,**  
*Center for Emotionally Responsive  
Practice at Bank at Bank Street  
College*

Author of “Why Homeless Children Can’t Sit Still: Understanding the Developmental Consequences of Homelessness for the Young Child.” Ms. Koplow will help participants to tune into homeless children and understand their developmental and behavioral issues in the context of their life experiences.



**Professor Kevin Swick**  
*Early Childhood Education at  
the University of South Carolina,  
Columbia*

Author of “The dynamics of families who are homeless: Implications for early childhood educators.” Professor Swick will address the needs of preschool children and their families who are homeless and empowering educators to support them.

**“There were a variety of topics that allowed me to learn in several areas.”**

—participant at the 3rd Young Children Without Homes National Conference in 2008

## CONFERENCE HONORARY STEERING COMMITTEE

- George L. Askew**, Deputy CEO, *Voice for America's Children*, Washington, D.C.
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- Sharon Scott-Chandler**, Vice President, *ABCD Head Start*, Boston, MA
- Dr. Jack P. Shonkoff**, Professor of Child Health and Development, Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, MA
- Marylou Sudders**, President, *Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children*, MA
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- James C. Ward**, Executive Director, *Early Childhood Centers of Greater Springfield*, Springfield, MA
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- Dr. Barry Zuckerman**, Professor of Pediatrics, *Boston Medical Center*, Boston, MA
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- Secretary Paul Reville**, Secretary, *Mass Executive Office of Education*, MA

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**Amy Spates**, Regional Emergency Management Specialist, *Administration for Children & Families*, Boston, MA

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**Phyllis Agness**, Assistant Professor, *Indiana University/Purdue University*, Fort Wayne, IN

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**Dr. Roseanna Means**, Founder, *Women of Means, Inc.*, Wellesley, MA

**Susan Fletcher**, Director of Priority Populations, *Department of Early Education and Care*, Boston, MA

**Tom Killmurray**, Program Specialist, *Administration for Children & Families*, Boston, MA

**Dr. Maxine Weinrab**, Director of Training, Child Witness to Violence Project, *Boston Medical Center*, Boston, MA

**Kory Eng**, Assistant Vice President of Community Impact, *United Way of Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley*, Boston, MA

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