



# *Supporting Families with Young Children*

**The Sixth Biennial Conference  
on the Early Years**

**November 11-13, 2008**

**Grand Traverse Resort  
Acme, Michigan**

*Building Relationships  
One Step at a Time!*

## Purpose

Relationships are an important part of human nature, truly taking a village to live a stable, healthy life. It is our nature to seek out others for security and comfort. That is why our theme for this year's Supporting Families Conference is Building Relationships. This includes all types of relationships: between you, your family and friends, work mates, school teachers, clergy, doctors, caseworkers, clients, and even your postal worker. The relationships you create and maintain not only enhance your life but help improve your physical, social, and emotional well being.

The most important relationships you can have are with your parents, spouse or significant other and your children. These are your closest relationships and impact everything you do in your life and theirs. Most especially, the relationships with your very young children impact their entire lives. It is our hope that this conference will assist you as you build your relationships and help others build theirs.



## Extended Learning Opportunities

An application to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for LMSWs AND LBSWs and State Board CEUs (SB-CEUs) has been submitted and approval is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEUs at a charge of \$10 per CEU request. CEU, forms will be available on site that will need to be completed in order to receive the CEUs.

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**Prevent Child Abuse  
Michigan**



**Children's Trust Fund**  
*Protecting Michigan's Children*

# Conference at a Glance

## November 11-13, 2008

### Monday, November 10, 2008

6:00 - 8:00 0-3 Secondary Prevention Grantee Conference Registration

### Tuesday, November 11, 2008

8:00 - 8:45 0-3 Secondary Prevention Grantee Conference Registration

9:00 - 12:00 0-3 Secondary Prevention Welcome and Orientation for FY 09

10:00 - 5:00 Registration

11:00 - 3:00 Exhibitor move in

12:30 - 1:00 Conference Opens

1:00 - 1:30 Welcoming Remarks

1:30 - 3:00 Communication LIVE! True Colors Live Show

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:45 Workshop Session A1-A7

5:00 - 6:00 Wellness Session – Dance Your Heart Healthy!

### Wednesday, November 12, 2008

6:00 - 6:30 Run/Walk Registration

6:30 - 8:00 Run/Walk Event

8:00 - 5:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and Housekeeping

9:00 - 10:30 Workshop Session B1-B6

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:15 Workshop Session C1-C6

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch (included)

1:30 - 3:00 Workshop Session D1-D6

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:45 Workshop Session E1-E6

5:00 - 6:00 Wellness Session - Get that Belly Moving!

6:00 - 8:30 Social Event (TBD)

### Thursday, November 13, 2008

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 12:00 Exhibitor move out

9:00 - 10:30 Workshop Session F1-F6

10:30 - 11:30 Break and hotel check-out

11:30 - 12:30 Moving from Crawling to Sprinting in Your Relationships

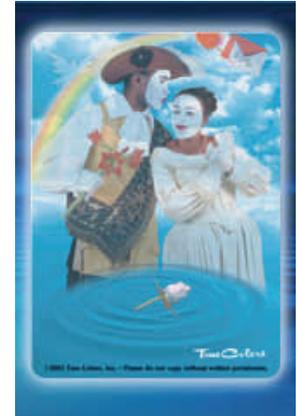
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# Keynote Addresses

## Communication LIVE! The True Colors Live Show

Prepare to be energized, empowered, and entertained. During this edu-tainment experience you will become immersed in an interactive demonstration of the True Colors Model. Watch Out the Blue Man Group has nothing on the True Colors Troupe!!!



## Moving from Crawling to Sprinting in Your Relationships

*Sabrina Jackson, MSW, Founder and President,  
Sabrina Jackson Enterprises*

Just as babies matriculate through the developmental milestones of crawling, walking, trotting, and sprinting...so do we as adults matriculate through the developmental milestones of relationship building. Brace yourself as you are taken through these stages by Sabrina Jackson. You are in for something special as this speaker-phenom challenges you, inspires you, and cracks you up!





# Workshop Sessions

## Legend

Each set of workshops are bundled with their respective track. Symbols related to the type of workshop and content level follow each workshop title. The format is as follows:

### *Type/Content Level*

## Tracks

### **PA Practical Applications for Working with Young Children and Families**

The presentations in this track offer opportunities for staff and providers who work with parents, infants, and young children to build their skills and competencies. These workshops are designed to assist direct service staff in multiple settings in their delivery of high quality services to families through practical applications of the latest research and philosophies of family support. Workshops present strength-based practices and a relationship approach.

### **PL Parent Leadership, Support and Education**

This track offers topics that will appeal to parents and on personal aspects of parenthood, from family involvement and family activities to advocacy.

### **PP Promising Program Strategies**

The presentations in this track illustrate the variety of programs that have been created and implemented to strengthen families and support developing relationships.

### **LC Leadership and Capacity Building**

Presentations in this track are designed to provide effective strategies in the broad categories of leadership, fund development and strategic planning.

### **RK Research, Knowledge and Education**

Presentations in this track will focus on research and evaluation. Proposals for research workshops should include the research questions, methodology and results targeting families with young children.

## Type

- S** Skill Building & Evidence-Based Practice
- T** Theory &/or Research
- C** Case/Program Based
- A** Active Learning
- O** Other

# Workshop Sessions

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Sessions A1-A6

3:15 - 4:45

- A1 Breastfeeding Initiative: Mother to Mother Peer Counseling Program PP/C**  
*Sheila Hebert, Breastfeeding Initiative Associate Program Leader, MSU Extension*  
Breastfeeding is recognized as the gold standard in infant feeding. The Breastfeeding Initiative Mother to Mother Peer Counseling Program is an innovative program which uses experienced breastfeeding mothers to provide low income women encouragement and support throughout the breastfeeding experience.
- A2 Building a Cohesive Team LC/A**  
*Lisa Meyer, Program Manager, Human Development Commission, Early Head Start*  
*Heather Reed, Special Needs Coordinator, Human Development Commission, Early Head Start*  
This session will be an interactive workshop designed to assist program leadership and management in building a cohesive staffing team. The session will include developing a positive organizational culture, hiring people who fit, training staff accordingly, and making work fun!
- A3 Building Community Relationships to Eliminate Lead Poisoning PA/S**  
*Jane Nickert, RN, Program Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health*  
This session will provide participants with information from the latest literature on the relationship between environmental effects of lead and pregnancy. Discussion will focus on identifying environmental contaminants and the effects on both pregnancy outcomes and the infant's capacity to learn. Information on community coalitions, resources and primary prevention activities to avoid environmental exposure will also be a focus of discussion.
- A4 When Nearly Everything Else Has Failed: Home Visiting Tips to Increase Family Engagement & Retention PA/S**  
*Kathleen Strader, Director, Healthy Families America Midwest Office*  
Participants in this session will learn new strategies to engage and retain families in home visiting program. Through presentation of recent research findings that identify factors related to shorter stays, and discussion of "real-world" techniques, program staff can increase family involvement and improve program outcomes.
- A5 Make and Take: Brown Bag Books PA/A**  
*Lynn Sandberg, Parent Educator, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency*  
*Mary Ann Graves, Parent Educator, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency*  
Participants will make books from brown paper bags and other materials. These books can be used to promote literacy during personal visits and group meetings.
- A6 True Communication PA/A**  
*True Colors Trainer or Sabrina Jackson TC Master Trainer*  
After the Live Show, come and learn all about True Colors and how you can use the model to improve the communication with everyone you come in contact with. Yes, understand how to brighten your personal communication style by utilizing the color scheme daily. Plan to learn alot as well as laugh alot too!!
- A7 Nothing About Us Without Us PA/S**  
*Teresa Marvin, Parent Representative, Michigan Department of Human Services*  
*Dawn Ritter, Departmental Analyst, Michigan Department of Human Services*  
This workshop will discuss the value of engaging parents in planning, implementing and evaluating the program they are involved in. This interactive presentation will highlight one initiative methodology for involvement in each level of the process and the monitoring of the program's progress toward the goal.

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**  
**Workshop Sessions B1-B6**  
**9:00 - 10:30**

- B1 Parenting Through Divorce PA/S**  
*Deanna Smith, LMSW, Health Services Manager, Adrian Public Schools Head Start Preschool Programs*  
This workshop outlines a six-week program for parents who are separated or divorced to learn skills to maintain effective co-parenting without putting the children in the middle. This workshop will be interactive with discussion and practical application of the skills.
- B2 When Families are GRAND Families PA/S**  
*Camellia Pisegna, Director, Senior Volunteer and Intergenerational Programs, Region IV Area Agency on Aging*  
182,621 Michigan children are being raised by their grandparents or other relatives. Workshop participants will learn about the unique challenges as well as the benefits kinship families bring to early childhood programs and practical ways to offer support.
- B3 Building a Stronger Program Using the 5 Protective Factors PP/A**  
*Maggie Sprattmoran, Director, Parenting Communities*  
*Alison Manning, Coordinator, Parenting Communities, Suttons Bay Public Schools*  
This workshop provides an overview of a working family support program based on the Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education model. Participants will learn about the Five Protective Factors and how to use them to strengthen their practice.
- B4 School Readiness: How Parents Help or Hurt Kids PL/S**  
*Ellen Cassidy, Parent Educator, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency*  
This workshop will provide a true picture of what it really means for children to be “ready for school”. Content will cover developmental issues as well as parental and school expectations of children. Format will include opportunities for discussion and interaction for participants.
- B5 True Communication PA/A**  
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- B6 Overcoming Analysis Paralysis: From Numbers to Knowledge LC/C**  
*Kathleen Strader, Director, Healthy Families America Midwest Office*  
This workshop is designed to provide guidance to programs that may have struggled in the past with how to most effectively complete their own data analyses. This workshop is also for any program interested in learning a new approach, or fine-tuning their current mechanisms, for data collection and analyses. The workshop will present information in a way that not only meets HFA accreditation requirements, but lends itself to meaningful dialogue within any home visiting program about how quality improvement might occur, particularly in the areas of increasing participant acceptance and increasing participant retention.

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**  
**Workshop Sessions C1-C6**  
**10:45 - 12:15**

- C1 Data Collection Collaboratives RK/T**  
*Sheri Butters, Great Start Coordinator, Community Action Agency*  
*Jennie Pollack, Resource Specialist, Lifeways*  
Join the Great Start Collaborative (initiative focused on early childhood development) and Central Michigan 2-1-1 (provider of information and referral services) as they explain their successful partnership on a data collection project. Lessons learned can be applied to partnerships in your own communities.
- C2 Working with Teen Parents PA/A**  
*Jan Kimble, Program Coordinator, Ingham County Health Department-Adolescent Health Education*  
*Keri Keck, Program Specialist, Ingham County Health Department-Teen Parenting Network*  
Working with teen parents is tough and getting them to talk can be even tougher! Join us for an action-based approach that can get them talking and interacting. It's fun and it's all about providing information and support to the parents that need it most.
- C3 Building a Stronger Program Using the 5 Protective Factors PP/A**  
*Maggie Sprattmoran, Director, Parenting Communities*  
*Alison Manning, Coordinator, Parenting Communities, Suttons Bay Public Schools*  
This workshop provides an overview of a working family support program based on the Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education model. Participants will learn about the Five Protective Factors and how to use them to strengthen their practice.
- C4 Necessary Boundaries PA/S & A**  
*Kristi Carambula, Administrator of Early Childhood Programs, Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency*  
Home visitors can be faced with issues and situations that can challenge their personal and professional ethics due to the intimacy of the relationship between the family and the home visitor. The purpose of this workshop is to support the attendee in defining their personal/professional code of ethics and practice balancing that with common situations encountered on the job.
- C5 Building a Foundation for Literacy with Children Birth to Age 3 PA/S**  
*Janet Fowler, Consultant, Claire Creative Solutions*  
How do very young children learn language? How can caregivers/educators support the language and literacy development of infants, toddlers and twos? Developmental milestones for learning language and literacy are shared. Participants will receive strategies, activities, and ideas to promote language and early literacy development in both group care settings and one-to-one interactions.
- C6 The Playful Path to Literacy PA/A**  
*Wendy Stafford, Parent Educator, Allegan Area Educational Service Agency, Early Education Services*  
*Marilyn Handy, Parent Educator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency, Early Education Services*  
Wouldn't it be fun if we could give children a boost toward reading and writing just by playing? The exciting news is that we can! This interactive workshop explores playful ways to help families build a stronger literacy environment for young children.

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**  
**Workshop Sessions D1-D6**  
**1:30 - 3:00**

- D1    The Other End of the Leash: Program Evaluation from an Agency Perspective      RK/S**  
*Lisa Chambers, MS, Program Coordinator, Ingham County Health Department*  
*Ellen Whipple, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Michigan State University School of Social Work*  
Jump Start Family Outreach Program, a 0-3 Secondary Prevention Program, has served a diverse mix of 200 clients for a decade. Learn about process and outcome aspects of the program evaluation from the agency's perspective, including tools, successes and challenges.
- D2    Who Is Your Staff?      PP/C**  
*Jan Kimble, Program Coordinator, Ingham County Health Department-Adolescent Health Education*  
*Keri Keck, Program Specialist, Ingham County Health Department-Teen Parenting Network*  
As funding falls short and client lists grow...what about college students? Discover the advantages of incorporating this population to engage young families.
- D3    Circle of Parents: Parent-Led Mutual Self Help Groups      PL/S**  
*Joyce Bos, Program Director, Pathways*  
*Sylvia Brown Jones, CTF State Circle of Parents Program Coordinator, Children's Trust Fund*  
This interactive workshop will model the dynamics of a Circle of Parents group, parenting leadership, and "positive" father involvement for parental balance. Learn how this program provides a place for all parents to connect with, learn from, and be sources of strength for each other, through group meetings co-led by parents and professionals.
- D4    Make and Take: Brown Bag Books      PA/A**  
*Lynn Sandberg, Parent Educator, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency*  
*Mary Ann Graves, Parent Educator, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency*  
Participants will make a book from brown paper lunch bags. This can be used to promote literacy during personal visits and group meetings.
- D5    When Nearly Everything Else Has Failed: Home Visiting Tips to Increase Family Engagement & Retention      PA/S**  
*Kathleen Strader, Director, Healthy Families America Midwest Office*  
Participants in this session will learn new strategies to engage and retain families in home visiting program. Through presentation of recent research findings that identify factors related to shorter stays, and discussion of "real-world" techniques, program staff can increase family involvement and improve program outcomes.
- D6    Transforming the Difficult Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach      PA/A**  
*Anne Lange, BSN, LMSW, ACSW, Clinical Social Worker, Grand River Counseling Center, Michigan State University*  
The Nurtured Heart Approach is an interactive presentation designed to education professionals and parents in a powerful approach that consistently produces extraordinary results with challenging behaviors. This approach teaches how to bring out the greatness in all children.

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**  
**Workshop Sessions E1-E6**  
**3:15 - 4:45**

- E1 Learning Games & Activities for Parents and Children Birth to Age 5 PA/A**  
*Janet Fowler, Consultant, Claire Creative Solutions*  
*Amanda Peterson, Home Visitor, Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District*  
Come and explore a wide variety of learning games, materials, and ideas for parent child interaction activities. Take home ideas to replicate and use in your work with parents and young children in the classroom, during play groups and on home visits.
- E2 Supporting Families in Pediatric Practices: An Innovative Home Visiting Program PP/C**  
*Sally Torres, LMSW, Clinical Social Worker, Children's Hospital of Michigan*  
*Joanne Vincent, MS, RN, CPNP, Pediatric Nurse, Children's Hospital of Michigan*  
The Children's Hospital of Michigan's Supporting Families in Pediatric Practices is a unique home visiting program which promotes optimal health and development for young children. Participants will learn about the model of care, identify key components, and identify ways to adapt known home visiting models to urban populations.
- E3 Building Relationships and Meeting Goals with Parents Through Home Visiting PA/A**  
*Maggie Sprattmoran, Director, Parenting Communities*  
*Alison Manning, Coordinator, Parenting Communities, Suttons Bay Public Schools*  
This workshop provides an overview of a working family support program based on the Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education model. Participants will explore tools that offer home-visitors guidance and structure in working collaboratively with parents toward parent goals.
- E4 Therapeutic Alliance in Home-Based Early Intervention PA/S**  
*Ellen Whipple, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Michigan State University School of Social Work*  
*Lisa Chambers, MS, Program Coordinator, Ingham County Health Department*  
Therapeutic alliance in an early intervention home-visiting program targeting families at risk of child abuse and neglect is discussed in this workshop. Findings from the Working Alliance Inventory completed by 163 Advocate-Mother dyads over one year of program involvement are presented.
- E5 Keeping Our "Helper" Muscles Strong PA/A**  
*Kerenda Applebey, Program Coordinator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency*  
When working with families and children with many needs, we often start to feel burn-out or compassion fatigue. This can be prevented or healed through a shift in both our personal and professional philosophies of "helping" and of course by taking better care of ourselves.
- E6 Great Parents 101 PL/A**  
*Renée Green, Certified Parent Educator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency*  
*Veronica Pechumer, Certified Parent Educator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency*  
We all know that children aren't born with a handbook. Although there is not a handbook, this series of 4 classes is designed to support parents in becoming the great parents they want to be.

**Thursday, November 13, 2008**  
**Workshop Sessions F1-F6**  
**9:00 - 10:30**

- F1**    **Infants Can Play Too!**            **PL/A**  
*Angie Burkey, Community Coordinator, Human Development Commission, Early Head Start*  
*Katrina Bodeis, Family Educator, Human Development Commission, Early Head Start*  
Infants are capable of learning from birth! This workshop will present research relating to the benefits of infant development and activities that promote family learning. Attendees will leave this workshop with techniques for modeling and practicing positive parent/infant interaction.
- F2**    **Train the Trainer: Parent Education Curriculum: “Bee Wise...Immunize”**            **PP/C**  
*Traci Osterman, Education Coordinator, MSU Extension*  
*Kendra Moyses, Associate Program Leader, MSU Extension*  
The Parent Education Curriculum “Bee Wise...Immunize” is five lessons, which focus on immunizations and vaccine preventable diseases which can easily be incorporated into other parent education curricula.
- F3**    **Getting the Safe Sleep Message to Families**            **PA/S**  
*Rosemary Fournier, State FIMR Program Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health*  
Infant deaths due to unsafe sleep environment continue to be a serious problem and is the leading the cause of preventable deaths to babies under the age of one in Michigan. This workshop will discuss the prevalence, give an overview of the State Strategies and communication plan, and will equip the learner with prevention practices that have evolved from systematic review of these deaths in CDR and FIMR. Safe Sleep resources and materials will be shared and examples of local Safe Sleep campaigns and initiatives will be provided.
- F4**    **Literacy-Based Playgroups**            **PA/A**  
*Allison Bush, Parent Educator, Playgroup Coordinator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency*  
*Judy Smith, Parent Educator, Allegan Area Education Service Agency*  
We will discuss the value of literacy-based playgroups, explore strategies for engaging families, explain the mechanics of organizing a playgroup curriculum, and model the activities of an actual playgroup.
- F5**    **Rock-A-Bye Babies: Music & Movement for Infants & Toddlers**            **PA/A**  
**Gari Stein, Founder, Director, Music for Little Folks**  
Research supports the importance of music and movement as a foundation for learning. Frustrated by the lack of appropriate musical activities for your little ones? Sing, chant, bounce, rock, listen, move and learn activities to enhance the caregiver-child bond. Explore methods in an interactive presentation for all levels of expertise.
- F6**    **Methamphetamine Awareness**            **PA/T**  
*Trooper Shelly Izzard, Michigan State Police, Reed City*  
This presentation will provide the attendee with Who, What, Why and How about Methamphetamine is made and its effects and Why You Should be Concerned.



## Workshops by Track

### Practical Applications for Working with Young Children and Families (PA)

- A3 Building Community Relationships to Eliminate Lead Poisoning
- A4, D5 When Nearly Everything Else Has Failed: Home Visiting Tips to Increase Family Engagement & Retention
- A5, D4 Make and Take: Brown Bag Books
- A6 True Communication
- B1 Parenting Through Divorce
- B2 When Families are GRAND Families
- B5 True Communication
- C2 Working with Teen Parents
- C4 Necessary Boundaries
- C5 Building a Foundation for Literacy with Children Birth to Age 3
- C6 The Playful Path to Literacy
- D6 Transforming the Difficult Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach
- E1 Learning Games & Activities for Parents and Children Birth to Age 5
- E3 Building Relationships and Meeting Goals with Parents Through Home Visiting
- E4 Therapeutic Alliance in Home-Based Early Intervention
- E5 Keeping Our “Helper” Muscles Strong
- F3 Getting the Safe Sleep Message to Parents
- F4 Literacy-Based Playgroups
- F5 Rock-A-Bye Babies: Music & Movement for Infants and Toddlers
- F6 Meth and Safety Issues When Visiting Parents

### Parent Leadership, Support and Education

- B3, C3 Building a Stronger program Using the 5 Protective Factors
- B4 School Readiness: How Parents Help or Hurt Kids
- D3 Circle of Parents: Parent-Led Mutual Self Help Groups
- E2 Supporting Families in Pediatric Practices: An Innovative Home Visiting Program
- E6 Great Parents 101
- F1 Infants Can Play Too!

### Promising Program Strategies

- A1 Breastfeeding Initiative: Mother to Mother Peer Counseling Program
- D2 Who is Your Staff?
- F2 Train the Trainer: Parent Education Curriculum: “Bee Wise...Immunize”

### Leadership and Capacity Building

- A2 Building a Cohesive Team
- B6 Overcoming Analysis Paralysis: From Numbers to Knowledge

### Research, Knowledge, and Evaluation

- C1 Data Collection Collaboratives
- D1 The Other End of the Leash: Program Evaluation from an Agency Perspective

# Wellness Activities

We recognize the importance of staying healthy in mind and body in order to do our jobs well. We offer you an opportunity to rejuvenate your body and mind through the following wellness and social activities. If you think you would like to participate in any of these activities please check off the appropriate box on the registration form. You can change your mind later but we would like an estimate of attendees.

## Tuesday, November 11, 2008

### ***Dance Your Heart Healthy!***

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Instructor: Angela Rich

“Jazz up your muscles and get ready to learn some new dance steps. You will learn a quick dance routine to get your blood pumping and your toes tapping. No experience necessary and two left feet, all shapes, sizes, abilities and ages are welcome! Loose fitting clothes are the dress code and shoes are not required. *Maximum class size: 30*”



## Wednesday, November 12, 2008

### ***Run/Walk Event***

6:00am - 8:00am



Here is your opportunity to get up early, strap on your “tenny’s” and enjoy the brisk Northern Michigan air! Registration for this 3.1 mile route begins at 6:00am with the event beginning promptly at 6:30. Don’t worry about getting lost, we will have people all along the course to keep track of you (unless you really want to get “off the beaten path”!) We will also have water and snacks at strategic points along the route. Everyone is a winner! Finish the course (on your own 2 feet or someone else’s!) and receive a beautiful t-shirt to cherish the moment! Please fill out the appropriate section on the registration form to sign up. Be sure to include your t-shirt size. *Maximum number of participants: 100*

### ***Get That Belly Moving!***

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Instructor: Angela Rich

Now is your chance to learn some of the moves that have charmed men and snakes for centuries. Belly dancing is a unique way to tone muscles and have fun at the same time! Learn how to move those hips and jiggle those “muscles” in time to some traditional music. Again, no experience necessary. All are welcome! No shoes and loose fitting clothes are the dress. Show your belly or not but come prepared for some mind jogging fun! *Maximum class size: 30*



### ***Scrapbooking***

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Bring your paper, scissors, and colored pencils! This informal event is your time to socialize, share your artwork and relax. Stay for the entire time or come in before or after dinner.

# General Conference Information

Conference registration is \$270.00 for the entire conference. Daily rates are as follows:

Day 1 (11/11/08):	\$100.00
Day 2 (11/12/08):	\$125.00
Day 3 (11/13/08):	\$75.00

Mail Completed Conference Registration Form, with payment to:

Children's Charter  
324 N. Pine St., Suite 1  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
Fax: (517) 482-7533

**Check, Money Order, Visa or Mastercard Payable to: Children's Charter**

## **Registration Deadline Postmarked by 5 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2008**

**Limited On-Site Registration will be available for an additional \$25.00 processing fee.**

**Cancellation Policy:** Refunds will be granted less a \$25.00 processing fee if a written notice of cancellation is received by October 31, 2008. No refunds will be granted after that date, however registration may be transferred, upon request, from one participant to another at no additional charge.

## **Directions**

**The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is located in Acme, Michigan, approximately 30 minutes east of Traverse City. The address is:**

**100 Grand Traverse Blvd.  
Acme, MI 49610**

**Please go to [http: www.mapquest.com/directions/](http://www.mapquest.com/directions/) for specific travel directions from your area.**



*"Hugs can do great amounts of good-especially for children."  
--Princess Diana*

## Hotel Accommodations/Lodging

A block of overnight rooms have been secured at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa at a special SFYC Conference rate through **October 11, 2008**:

Hotel Guest Room:	Single (1 person) \$66.00	Double (2 persons) \$109.00
Tower Guest room:	Single (1 person) \$99.00	Double (2 persons) \$119.00

Room rates quoted above are non-commissionable, net rates, subject to state tax, and convention and visitor's bureau assessment currently 2%. Additional adults in a guest room will be charged a \$15 per person, per night rate for the duration of their stay (excludes condos).

Group rates will be honored from two (2) days before and two (2) days after the conference based upon availability.

### Resort Fee:

In addition to the above rates, there will be a daily resort fee. This fee is currently \$9.95 per room, per night, which includes: unlimited use of resort fitness center including cardiovascular and strength training equipment, whirlpools, saunas and indoor pools, seasonal access to outdoor pools and beachfront facilities, preferred guest pricing for golf course and tennis facilities, high-speed internet access in Hotel and Tower guestrooms, on-property shuttle service to Cherry Capital Airport and Turtle Creek Casino, unlimited toll-free and credit card access phone calls, voicemail message service, daily newspaper upon request, Check-in and check-out gratuities for bellstaff and concierge, use of safe deposit box, preferred car rental pricing through Enterprise in Traverse City, golf bag storage, and free parking. The resort fee will be automatically posted to your guest room account. Fee and services are subject to change.

## Reservations

Overnight reservations can be made using the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form or online. For online reservations go to <http://gtresort.com> and click on the Reservations link on the left side of the screen. Enter the arrival and departure dates, number of adults and children, the type of room you would like and enter the following group code: **SFYC2008**. *This group code must be entered in order to receive the conference rates.*

"Go down through the garden, dig up the radishes! Root up everything! Eat grass! Look for corn! Look for Oats! Run all over! Skip and dance, jump and prance! Go down through the orchard and stroll in the woods! The world is a wonderful place when you're young!

The Goose  
Charlotte's Web  
E.B. White



## Other Conference Information

### Meals

The following group meals will be provided with the conference registration:

Tuesday, November 11, 2008: Afternoon Break

Wednesday, November 12, 2008: Morning Continental Breakfast, Group Lunch, Afternoon Break

Thursday, November 13, 2008: Morning Continental Breakfast, Group Lunch

*No individual meals including room service will be covered with the conference registration. There are several restaurants at the resort and in nearby Traverse City.*

### Participant Identification

Participants must wear their name badge to all sessions and meals.

### Workshop Assignments

Workshop assignments are made in order of registration receipt. Please indicate your first and second choice per workshop session on the registration form.

### Website

To obtain additional copies of this catalog, visit the Children's Charter's website at [www.childcrt.org](http://www.childcrt.org)



### Further Information

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# Conference Registration Form

## Supporting Families with Young Children

### November 11-13, 2008

**Registration Deadline: October 27, 2008**

Please print or type legibly. This information will be used for your nametag. Copy as needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The committee will consider reasonable ADA requests made on this form and received by October 27, 2008. Please indicate your request: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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**I will be attending the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, November 11 - \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, November 12 - \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, November 13 - \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Conference, November 11-13 - \$270

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check or Money Order in US Funds, VISA or MasterCard. Make Check or Money Order Payable to: Children's Charter.**

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as printed on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Once received and processed, all registrations will be destroyed. Credit card information can also be provided direct to Deborah Jensen via phone at 517.482.7533. Please call Deborah Jensen for questions or more information.*

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**Limited On-Site Registration will be available for an additional \$25 processing fee.**

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**Please Continue Registration**



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**Please Check Applicable Boxes:**

Committee Member                       Workshop Presenter

**Wellness/Social Opportunities (Please check all that apply):**

- Tuesday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm, 11/11/08 **Dance Your Heart Healthy!**
- Wednesday, 6:00am - 8:00am, 11/12/08 **Run/Walk Event**                      **T-Shirt Size requested** \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm **Get That Belly Moving!**
- Wednesday, 6:00pm - 8:30pm **Scrapbooking**

**Volunteer Opportunity:**

Room Monitor (for a workshop you selected. We will notify you. Thank You!)

**Fill in the session numbers of your 1st and 2nd choice for Workshops:**

	<b>Tues. A1-7 3:45-4:45</b>	<b>Wed. B1-B6 9:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Wed. C1-C6 10:45-12:15</b>	<b>Wed. D1-D6 1:30-3:00</b>	<b>Wed. E1-E6 3:15-4:34</b>	<b>Thur. F1-F6 9:00-10:30</b>
<b>1st Choice</b>						
<b>2nd Choice</b>						

**Return to:**  
**Children's Charter**  
**324 N. Pine Street, Suite 1**  
**Lansing, MI 48933**  
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**SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN CONFERENCE**  
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**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL OR FAX TO:**

**Grand Traverse Resort and Spa**  
100 Grand Traverse Blvd.  
Acme, MI 49610  
FAX: 231.534.6671

**Why not register online? Go to <http://gtresort.com>. Click on the reservations link on the left side of the screen. Enter your information and the following group code: SFYC2008.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve the following accommodations

ROOM TYPE:	1 ADULT	2 ADULTS
_____ Hotel Guestroom	\$66.00	\$109.00
_____ Tower Guestroom	\$99.00	\$119.00

Do you have any special lodging requests?

Barrier Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

*Room rates quoted above are non-commissionable, net rates, subject to state tax, which is currently 6% and convention and visitor's bureau assessment, which is currently 2%. Additional adults in a guestroom will be charged \$15 per person, per night rate for the duration of their stay (excludes condos). In addition to the above rates, there will be a daily resort fee of \$9.95 per room per night. This fee includes unlimited use of resort fitness center, whirlpools, saunas and indoor pool, seasonal access to outdoor pools and beachfront facilities, preferred guest pricing for golf courses and tennis facilities, high-speed internet access in Hotel guest rooms, on-property shuttle service to Cherry Capital Airport and Turtle Creek Casino, unlimited toll-free and credit card access phone calls, voicemail message service, daily newspaper upon request, check-in and check-out gratuities for bellstaff and concierge, use of safe deposit box, preferred car rental pricing through Enterprise in Traverse City, golf bag storage, and free parking.*

**THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11, 2008.**

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(Required): \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You!

Many thanks to the Supporting Families with Young Children Conference Planning Committee members, their respective agencies and all of the volunteers for their generous support in planning, preparing, and executing this year's conference. It has been their efforts, time and energy that have made this year's conference possible.

## Planning Committee Members

- ♥ Kelly Baber, Spaulding for Children
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- ♥ Janis Coil, Healthy Start, Kent County Health Department
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- ♥ Ann Funchess, Spaulding for Children
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- ♥ Stacey Mason, Spaulding for Children
- ♥ Monica Marchell, Healthy Families, Catholic Charities West Michigan
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- ♥ Dawn Ritter, Community Supportive Services, Department of Human Services
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- ♥ Kathleen Strader, Healthy Families America Midwest Regional Resource Center
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- ♥ Chrystal Williams, Circle of Parents

**A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with registration, as room monitors, wellness activities, etc.**





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