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This conference has been organized by the Human Services Committee of Create CommUNITY with input from the following agencies:

- AmeriCorps/St. Cloud State University
- Anna Marie's Alliance
- Boy Scouts of America—Central MN Council
- Centra Care Health System
- Child Care Choices/Midwest Child Care Resource & Referral
- St. Cloud Area Legal Services
- United Way of Central Minnesota

EVENT DIRECTIONS

<http://ci.stcloud.mn.us/web/departments/CommSvc/WhitneySrCntr/wsc/FindUs.htm>

From I94: Take the St. Augusta/Co.Rd. 75 Exit toward St. Cloud. Turn right onto Clearwater Road. This road becomes 9th Ave. Turn left onto Northway Drive. Whitney is on the right.

From Hwy 10: Take the Hwy 23 Exit into St. Cloud. Take the 9th Ave. Exit and turn right. Follow directions above.

From the West (Hwy 23): Follow Hwy 23 onto Hwy 15. Continue on Hwy 15 to 12th St. Turn Right. This turns into Northway Drive. Whitney will be on the left.

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Fourth Annual Children of Multiple Cultures: Paths to Cultural Understanding

A conference for those influencing the lives of children from birth to age six.



Saturday, November 18, 2006
Whitney Senior Center
1527 Northway Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303

This conference will enhance your understanding of families of multiple cultures and cross-cultural relationships to better serve the young children in our communities.

CONFERENCE GOALS

- Learn strategies for creating and building positive cross-cultural relationships.
- Understand the changing Central Minnesota community and its families, as well as the opportunities this presents.
- Gain practical ideas for working with children and creating a more welcoming multi-cultural view.
- Understand and respond to people's gifts and the uniqueness within each of us.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference is open to anyone who works with young children and families — child care providers, teachers, early childhood and preschool educators, health care and human services providers, faith community members, volunteers, college students planning careers with children, parents and others wanting to learn more about the topic.

AGENDA

7:30-8:00 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:15 am	Welcome
8:15-9:45 am	Breakout Session A
9:45-10:15 am	Cultural Entertainment
10:15-11:45 am	Breakout Session B
11:45-12:30 pm	Lunch/Closing Speaker

Breakout Session A – 8:15 to 9:45 AM

(Pick One)

A1. Creating an Inclusive Multicultural Environment for All Children Children learn even when we are not consciously teaching them. Creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all children and families is the foundation for teachable moments and promoting conversations where those differences can be celebrated. This workshop is interactive, fun and informative and will provide resources for early childhood professionals to grow in their knowledge of diversity, purchase inclusive classroom supplies and age appropriate reading materials for young children that promote diversity.

Presented by Mechelle Severson

A2. Tools in Teaching and Working with Children

This session provides information to guide you in selecting children's books and creating art projects related to a variety of children's literature. Come explore and gather ideas that will help enrich the children you reach. **Presented by Susan Doering**

A3. Hot Dish, Hillb Ari and Tamales: Food and Culture in Minnesota

Food is more than calories and nutrients; it is a universal form of communication. What we eat, why we eat, how we eat, and with whom we eat tells us who we are. This session examines the way that food choices reveal cultural, social and religious/spiritual meanings. We explore the foodways of Minnesotans, including our newest neighbors. How do Hot Dish *Hillb Ari* and Tamales symbolize the changing demographics of Minnesota? **Presented by Diane**

Veale Jones

Breakout Session B – 10:15 to 11:45 AM

(Pick One)

B1. Building Cultural Connections & Working with Multicultural Children Repeat of session A1. See description above.

B2. Tools in Teaching and Working with Children

Repeat of session A2. See description above.

B3. What I Want You to Know About My Child

Parent perspectives based on experiences with their own children of color. **Panel presenters: Jackie Johnson, Sophie Nguyen, Jarrod Hall, Jim Knutson-Kolodzne**

Closing

Helping Multicultural Children Build Their Identity

Presenter Jarrod Hall has a MS in Multicultural Education and Leadership from SCSU and is starting a PhD program at the University of St. Thomas in Education. He has 5 years as a Child Care Counselor at the St. Cloud Children's home and 8 years as a Child Care Provider and Owner of Changing Faces Multicultural Daycare and Nightcare in Sauk Rapids. Jarrod is also the father of a multicultural family of 3 girls and 1 boy.

REGISTRATION

Cost is \$20 per participant. Lunch and materials are included. Participants will receive a certificate for four hours of inservice training.

Sign me up for the following breakout sessions:

_____ Session A (A1, A2, or A3)

_____ Session B (B1, B2, or B3)

Name _____

Organization _____

___ family child care

___ preschool

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A late registration fee of \$5 will be added for registrations postmarked after November 10th. Space is limited. Early registration encouraged.

Mail registrations to: Child Care Choices
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If you have questions regarding this conference, or have special needs, please call Child Care Choices at 320-251-5081 ext. 16. Interpreters are available upon request.