

Arkansas Presents
The School of the 21st Century
National Conference

The Peabody · Little Rock · Arkansas
July 23–25, 2007

A leadership and staff development conference for educators interested in Schools of the 21st Century, Early Care and Education, School-age Care, Family Resource Centers, Community Schools, and other school-based family support programs.



HOSTED BY

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The National 21C Conference is coming to Arkansas!

Within the context of early childhood education and school-age care, topics include:



- Community-Family-School Connections
 - Emotional Intelligence
 - Financing After-school Programs
 - Private Sector Funding Opportunities
 - Program Management and Leadership Development
 - NCLB Reauthorization: Preparing Students for Life in the 21st Century
 - Health, Nutrition, and Fitness
 - Parent-Teacher Relations
 - Culturally Responsive Schools
 - Transition to Kindergarten
 - Global Perspectives on School-age Care
 - Children of Immigrant Families and the School
 - Enhancing and Assessing Quality
 - Music and its Connection to Brain Development and Learning
- and much, much more

What is the School of the 21st Century?

The School of the 21st Century (21C) is a community school model that incorporates early childhood programs, after-school care, and other family support services designed to promote the optimal growth and development of children beginning at birth. Known as Family Resource Centers (FRC) in some communities, 21C has proven successful in urban, rural, and suburban areas, as well as in affluent, middle class, and poor communities. In many schools, 21C serves as an umbrella for an expanded array of programs, including adult education, youth development programs, health, and social services, that transform traditional schools into year-round, multi-service centers.

If you are interested in learning about the latest research, new funding opportunities, evaluation findings—and more—to support your school-based, school-linked child care and family support programs, then join the 21C Network! Members receive relevant information via the 21C Listserv and mailings. In addition, members can contract with Yale University to take advantage of consultation and training and share successful strategies with other practitioners throughout the country. If you are interested in general membership (which is free) or inquiring about a contract, please contact us at: yale21C@yale.edu.

Arkansas School of the 21st Century Network

The goal of the Arkansas 21C Network, an organization of all 21C programs in Arkansas, is to ensure that more children and families throughout the state have the benefit of high-quality preschool and other 21C program services in their communities.

Schools within the AR21C Network receive technical assistance and support from the National 21C Center. In addition, Arkansas 21C network members have several opportunities each year to attend training and in-service workshops within the state.

Initially comprised of 35 founding 21C programs, the AR21C Network is growing! If you want more information on how to join the network, contact us at: yale21@yale.edu.

The AR21C Network is made possible with support from The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance for up to 15 hours of professional development and 3 hours of parent involvement training, depending on days of attendance.

This conference is registered with the Arkansas Early Childhood Professional Development program (A#8482) and the Arkansas Department of Education (#0703033).

Join us in Little Rock, Arkansas, for three days of information-filled presentations and opportunities to learn from experts, network with colleagues, and share your experiences.



Conference at a Glance: 2007

This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Check our website: www.yale.edu/21C for updates.

MONDAY, JULY 23

7:00 am–7:45 am
Morning River Walk

8:00 am–9:00 am
Breakfast/Registration

9:00 am–9:50 am
Welcome
Keynote: *School-based Family Support and Childcare: The Time is Now*

10:00 am–10:50 am
Seminar Sessions I

10:50 am–11:00 am
Break

11:00 am–11:50 am
Seminar Sessions II

12:00 pm–1:20 pm
Lunch

1:30 pm–3:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions I

3:00 pm–3:15 pm
Break

3:15 pm–4:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions II

Gala Evening Reception
Celebrating Success at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. Host: The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

TUESDAY, JULY 24

7:00 am–7:45 am
Morning River Walk

8:00 am–9:00 am
Breakfast/Registration

9:00 am–9:50 am
Plenary Session:
Six Degrees of Separation

10:00 am–10:50 am
Seminar Sessions III

10:00 am–11:50 am
SITE VISITS
North Little Rock:
Early Childhood Program

Middle School Summer Program

10:50 am–11:00 am
Break

11:00 am–11:50 am
Seminar Sessions IV

12:00 pm–1:20 pm
Lunch

1:30 pm–3:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions III

3:00 pm–3:15 pm
Break

3:15 pm–4:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions IV

5:00 pm
Exhibitors Showcase

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

7:00 am–7:45 am
Morning River Walk

8:00 am–9:00 am
Breakfast/Registration

9:00 am–10:30 am
Concurrent Sessions V

10:30 am–10:45 am
Break

10:45 am–12:00 pm
Awards and Recognitions

12:00 pm–1:20 pm
Lunch

1:30 pm–5:00 pm
Arkansas Department of Education Session:

Preschool and Beyond: Making a Smooth Transition



SELECTED SPEAKERS

MARC BRACKETT, Research Scientist in Psychology and Associate Director of the Health, Emotions, and Behavior Laboratory, Yale University · *Emotional Intelligence: What Is It and Why It Matters*



GERALD M. CUTTS, President and Chief Executive Director, First Children's Finance · *Strategies for Engaging the Private Sector in Funding and Financing*



JASON DOWNER, Senior Scientist, and **BRIDGET HAMRE**, Research Scientist, Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, University of Virginia · *Preschool and Beyond: Making a Smooth Transition*



ELLEN FREDE, Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research; and Associate Professor, The College of New Jersey · *Preschool Quality: Shaping the Future*



EUGENE E. GARCIA, Dean and Professor of Education, Arizona State University · *Early Education and Hispanics: A Substantive Advantage*



MARTIN GARDINER, Research Associate in Human Development, Center for the Study of Human Development, Brown University · *Music, Learning, and Brain Development: Opportunities for School-age Children*



JIM L. HINSON, Superintendent, and **JANA WAITS**, School Board President, Independence School District, Independence, MO · *Successful Links Between your School Board and your 21C Programs*



T. KENNETH JAMES, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education · *Conference Welcome Address*



CATHERINE S. KATZ and **DAVID L. KATZ**, Associate Clinical Professor of Public Health, Director, Prevention Research Center, Yale University School of Medicine · *Nutrition, Physical Activity & the Curriculum: Real-World Reconciliations of Square Peg and Round Hole*



ANN LEVETT, Executive Director, School Development Program, Yale University · *Is Your School Culturally Responsive?*



MICHAEL LEVINE, Vice President, New Media and Executive Director, Education, Asia Society; Senior Associate, Yale University, The School of the 21st Century · *After-school for the Global Age*



KAREN MAPP, Lecturer on Education, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University · *Children, Schools, and Family: Critical Connections*



RAYMOND SIMON, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Education · *Six Degrees of Separation*



EDWARD ZIGLER, Sterling Professor of Psychology, Emeritus; Founder and Director Emeritus of the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University · *School-based Family Support and Childcare: The Time is Now*



SPECIAL EVENTS

Gala Reception at the Clinton Library Monday, July 23, 2007, evening

Join us at a reception, *Celebrating Success*, hosted by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library (www.clintonlibrary.gov). Transportation details and tickets will be provided at conference check-in only to those who pre-register for this event. This event is free but you must sign up on your registration form. Pre-registration required. Welcome address: the Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor, State of Arkansas.

Morning River Walk Monday–Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Join Arkadelphia's 21C Coordinator Pat Donlow Wright for a brisk stroll along the Arkansas River (where you may see the little rock of the city's name!). Pat is a recent participant in the fitness scene and a successful marathon contestant. Everyone is welcome to participate in this lovely walk.

Site Visits Tuesday, July 24, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

On Tuesday morning, concurrent with seminars, we offer two site visits for conference participants (space is limited). Site visits are free for conference participants, however, pre-registration is required. You must pre-register for these site visits on your registration form. You may choose only one site visit. Bus transportation will be provided. You will return to The Peabody Little Rock for lunch. If you attend a site visit, you will not be able to attend the seminar sessions offered on Tuesday morning. Select one of the following:

EARLY CHILDHOOD SITE VISIT: at the North Little Rock School District Early Childhood Program, view their building and classroom environments, examples of children's work, documentation of work, as well as children enrolled in the summer program (supported by parent fees). NLR uses a Reggio-inspired approach to teaching and learning, which focuses on the image of the child, the role of the environment, collaboration, documentation, a child-centered curriculum, professional development, and partnerships with parents and the community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM SITE VISIT: visit a summer school program at a North Little Rock middle school. The program, funded by 21CCLC, focuses on math, reading, and writing. Ruby Payne strategies are incorporated in daily instruction.

Pre-Conference Trip To Hot Springs Sunday, July 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Spend Sunday in Hot Springs—walking, browsing, window-shopping, or take in a bath or massage! In addition to being the hometown of former President Bill Clinton, Hot Springs is an historic city and has the first federally protected area in the country, Hot Springs National Park, with 147°F thermal water. The city also boasts rich history, beautiful architecture (including classic hotels and Victorian architecture), antiques, art studios, restaurants, and its famed Bathhouse Row. Reserve yourself a massage or bath: prices range from \$30 to \$55. Contact the Austin Hotel and Spa (501-624-5521 or 800-844-7275) directly—space is limited. For more information about Hot Springs, check out: www.hotspringsar.com/ and www.hotsprings.org/. Pre-registration for this trip is required. Bus transportation will be provided for \$15 per person. A minimum of 20 people is required.

Other Little Rock Events

Please check our website (<http://www.yale.edu/21c/conferenceinfo.html#thingstodo>) for places to visit and things to do in Little Rock, including a dinner theater production, Arkansas Travelers games, and a river boat cruise during our conference dates.

More than 40 seminars and skill-building workshops will provide participants with the opportunity to interact with speakers, acquire program skills, and learn about new approaches in school-age care, early education, home visiting and family support, engaging parents, food and fitness, and funding opportunities.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO LITTLE ROCK

(more details on our website:
www.yale.edu/21c/conferenceinfo.html)

BY PLANE

Little Rock National Airport

(10 minute drive to The Peabody Little Rock)

Airlines that service Little Rock National Airport: American, Delta, Frontier, Northwest, and Southwest Airlines

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

FROM THE AIRPORT

Car Rental

Agencies that serve Little Rock National Airport include: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, National, and Thrifty

Taxis and Shuttles

The Peabody Little Rock Complimentary Airport Shuttle

Limited complimentary airport shuttle is available. Upon arrival, call (501) 906-4000 to request shuttle service.

Taxi Service

Yellow Cab (501) 570-9999
fare – approximately \$18 for 1-3 riders

Inter-shuttle & Limo Service (Vans, Town Cars)

(501) 247-8006

Van 10 -12 riders for approximately
\$7 per person

Town car \$30 per car

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE PEABODY LITTLE ROCK

Driving Directions from I-30

Take Exit 141-A, (Cantrell Road/Markham Street Exit). Stay to the right and follow signs to the Rivermarket and Clinton Library. At the stop sign, turn left (west) onto 2nd Street. Stay on 2nd street for 7 blocks. Turn right onto Main Street for 1 block. Turn left onto Markham. The Peabody Little Rock will be on the right.

Driving Directions from Little Rock National Airport

After exiting the airport go right onto Airport Road. Right onto I-440 East. Right at Exit 138-A (I-30 East DOWNTOWN). Exit off I-30 East at Exit 141-A and follow above directions.

From Memphis, Jacksonville, Cabot, Searcy (Traveling I-40-West): Before you get to Exit 153, get in the far left lane, exit off to the left to merge with I-30-West, cross the Arkansas River, get in right lane for Exit 141-A, take Exit 141-A (see note above for Exit 141-A)

From Oklahoma, Conway, Russellville, Ft. Smith, Fayetteville (Traveling I-40-East): Before you get to Exit 153, get in the middle lane, exit off to the right to merge with I-30-West, (the far right lane is for “exit only” that you do not want yet), cross the Arkansas River, get in right lane for Exit 141-A, take Exit 141-A (see previous note for Exit 141-A)

From Pine Bluff, Sheridan, Fordyce (Traveling North on Hwy 65) (Hwy 65, Hwy 167, I-530 all same here): Merge onto I-30-East, continue I-30-East to Exit 141-A, take Exit 141-A (see previous note for Exit 141-A)

From Benton, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Dallas (Traveling I-30-East): Continue I-30-East to Exit 141-A, take Exit 141-A (see previous note for Exit 141-A)

ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at The Peabody Little Rock. Blocks of discounted rooms have been reserved and are available on a first-come first-served basis. Rooms have sold out in recent years, so reserve early. When calling to reserve a room (1-800-peabody), you should identify yourself as a participant in the “Yale University School of the 21st Century Conference” to receive the discounted rate. To register online go to: www.peabodylittlerock.com. Click on reservations and enter the group code 394593. Proceed to book your reservation.

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www.peabodylittlerock.com

Room Rate

\$139 single occupancy
\$149 double occupancy
Block room rate available until
Monday, July 2, 2007

For information on other hotels in Little Rock, check: www.littlerockchamber.com/hotels.htm

PARKING

Valet parking is available at The Peabody Little Rock for \$15.00 per day. Day use of valet parking is \$13.00 per day. Self-parking is available at a daily rate of \$7.50 at the Second & Main Parking Garage, which is located two blocks from the hotel.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Duplicate this form for each registrant. Registration forms must be received by July 6, 2007.

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
JOB TITLE			
SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION			
WORK ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
PHONE		FAX	
EMAIL (MUST INCLUDE EMAIL FOR CONFIRMATION)			

Indicate which days you will attend

Monday, July 23, 2007 Tuesday, July 24, 2007 Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Indicate which optional events you will attend

Sunday, July 22, 2007

Hot Springs Bus Trip (Cost: \$15) **You must pre-register**

Monday, July 23, 2007

Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation Reception (Cost: Free) **You must pre-register**

Tuesday, July 24, 2007 Site Visit (Cost: Free) **You must pre-register**

*Note: If you go on a site visit, you will be attending that **instead** of Tuesday's seminars.*

CHOOSE ONE: Early Childhood Site Visit Middle School Summer Program Site Visit

REGISTRATION RATES *Includes all sessions and daytime meals*

Postmarked by May 31 \$350 Proposal Presenter \$200

Postmarked after May 31 \$400 Daily Rate \$200

PAYMENT

Conference Registration \$ _____

Sunday Event (Hot Springs) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check the type of payment enclosed)

Check (payable to Yale University) Purchase order # _____
must include signed P.O.

Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard only!) Visa MasterCard

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. (MM/YR) _____

NAME OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER _____ SIGNATURE _____

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Cancelled registrations must be received in writing and will be subject to a \$50 processing fee. Substitutions are allowed. No refunds will be made after July 6, 2007.

Receipt of a completed registration form and payment provides Yale University with exclusive ownership of photographs and other images taken at the conference and your consent to use them for future publicity purposes.

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WHY ATTEND THE 21C CONFERENCE?

- Choose from more than 40 sessions
- Network with colleagues from around the country
- Learn from experts in child development, family support, and related fields

Registration deadline: July 6, 2007

Discounted rates end: May 31, 2007

SPECIAL SESSIONS ON

Early Childhood Education • School-age Care • Health and Nutrition • Parent Engagement • Program Management and Leadership • Cultural Diversity • Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten • Opportunities to Enhance Learning