

Region VI Family Strengthening Summit

January 18-20, 2011 | Dallas, Texas

Agenda

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

11:30 a.m. - OPENING LUNCHEON

Welcome & Opening Remarks:

Leon R. McCowan, Regional Administrator, ACF Region VI

Gloria M. Lopez, President, Region VI Head Start Association

Marjorie Petty, Regional Director, HHS Region VI

Diann Dawson, Director of Regional Operations, ACF

Asset-Building Success Stories:

Introduction of Speakers

Carolyn B. Meier, Associate Regional Administrator, ACF Region VI

Carol Santos, Neighborhood Centers of Houston

Renina Forshee, Friendly Circle, Edmond, Oklahoma

Sharon Battle, YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas

1:30 p.m. - WORKSHOPS

“Access to Affordable Mainstream Financial Services”

Gloria Reynolds, FDIC Dallas Regional Office

Dee Pennington, President, Dallas Credit Union

“Borrowing & Manage What You Borrow”

Wanda DeBruler, DeBruler Inc., Oklahoma City

"Individual Development Accounts (IDA)"

Woody Widrow, RAISE Texas, Austin, Texas

Sharon Henderson, Prosperity Works, New Mexico

Alma Thornton, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Odessa Adams-Payne, United Way of the Greater New Orleans

"Tax Preparation Services & Access to Federal Tax Credits"

Rebecca Harrell, SPEC Senior Tax Analyst, IRS

SPEC Territory Managers:

Tracy Banks, New Mexico

Ricardo Soto, El Paso - Southwest Texas

Paul Ramos, Dallas - North and East Texas

Paulette Windon, Houston - Central & Eastern Texas

Jan Pretus, New Orleans - Louisiana

Karen O'Neill, Oklahoma and Arkansas

"Connecting Head Start and Child Care Families to Asset Building Opportunities"

Susan Smithson, YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas

Leah Aschmann, Neighborhood Centers Inc., Houston, Texas

Twyla Gable, Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City

3:00 p.m. - BREAK & EXHIBITS

3:30 p.m. - WORKSHOPS

"Financial Education to Protect Families from Predatory Lending and other Financial Pitfalls"

Inger Giuffrida, Financial Educator & Asset Building Consultant

Gloria Reynolds, FDIC Dallas Regional Office

“Innovative Federal & Related Approaches”

Gilbert Chavez, Office of Texas Attorney General

Chrystn Davila-Lopez (TX HUD)

Darby Washeck (TX HUD)

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5:00 p.m. - ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011

9:00 a.m. - GENERAL SESSION

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Leon R. McCowan, Regional Administrator

KEYNOTE ADDRESS [\[remarks\]](#)

David A. Hansell, Acting Assistant Secretary For Children and Families

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Ida Rademacher, Vice President for Policy & Research

Corporation for Enterprise Development

OVERVIEW OF ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

Stefanie Whorton, AFI Resource Coordinator

ACF Office of Community Programs

OVERVIEW OF INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS

Angela Duran, ICF International

10:30 a.m. - BREAK

11:00 a.m. - INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS

Guided by a facilitator and moderator, key state & local officials will provide input and expertise on his and her state's strategic approach to expanding asset-building strategies to low-income families with young children.

Arkansas

Louisiana

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Texas

12:00 noon - GENERAL LUNCHEON SESSION

INTRODUCTION OF LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Betty J. Simmons, Deputy Regional Administrator, ACF Region VI

ASSET BUILDING THROUGH COLLABORATION & COORDINATION

Dr. Jonita Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer

Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc., Houston, Texas

1:30 p.m. - INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS (Continued)

2:45 p.m. - BREAK

3:15 p.m. - INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS (Continued)

4:30 p.m. - ADJOURN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. - STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT-OUT BREAKFAST SESSION

Interactive Strategic Planning Session Overview

Angela Duran, ICF International

Arkansas Team

Louisiana Team

New Mexico Team

Oklahoma Team

Texas Team

Introduction of Closing Remarks Speaker

Leon R. McCowan, Regional Administrator, ACF Region VI

CLOSING REMARKS

Yolanda Butler, Acting Director for Community Services, ACF

11:30 a.m. - ADJOURN