

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MISSISSIPPI CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

*Social Workers' Challenge: Changing the
Lives of Mississippi's Children and Families*



February 5-6, 2003

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi**

MISSISSIPPI CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

10:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Conference Registration

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Session

Location: Windsor II

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Presider

Dr. Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Dean
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

Greetings and Presentation

Social Workers' Challenge: Serving Children and Families

Dr. Joseph M. Stevenson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jackson State University

Visions and Challenges to Meet the Needs of Mississippi's Families and Children

Mrs. Thelma Brittain, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Human Services

Mrs. Wanda Gillom, Deputy Director of Programs
Division of Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services

Mrs. Gloria Thornton Salters, Deputy Director of Finance and Automations
Division of Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Session I

Private and State Agencies: Meeting Children's and Families' Needs Through Collaboration

Mr. Edward Theiss, President
Mississippi Association of Child Caring Agencies

Mr. Danny Bender, Director
Bureau of Child Health
Mississippi Department of Health

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Session I (continued)

Dr. Ronald Love, Special Assistant
State Schools and Special Projects
Mississippi Department of Education

Dr. Brenda Scafidi, Director
Division of Children and Youth Services
Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Mrs. Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald
Southern Regional Director
Children's Defense Fund

Moderator

Dr. Beverly Edwards, Assistant Professor and
Mississippi Child Welfare Institute, Title IV-E Coordinator
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

LUNCH (on your own)
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Windsor II

Session II

A National Perspective: Child and
Family Services Rising to the Challenge

Mrs. Elizabeth Shanks Frizsell, Associate Director
National Child Welfare Resource Center for
Organizational Improvement

Moderator

Ms. Selena Keys, M.S.W. Student
Title IV-E Child Welfare Institute
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Location: Windsor II

Session III

Youth Court's Challenge: Cooperation and
Partnerships to Improve the Lives of
Mississippi's Children and Families

Judge John Hudson
Adams County Court

Moderator

Dr. Deborah Holt, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

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3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Windsor II

Session IV

Legal and Judicial Issues in Child Welfare: The Need for Collaboration

Ms. Kathleen McNaught, Assistant Director
National Child Welfare Resource Center on
Legal and Judicial Issues

Moderator

Mrs. Pamela Saulsberry, Ph.D. Candidate
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

Thursday, February 6, 2003

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Location: Windsor III

Session V

Over Representation of African American Children in Child Welfare: Implications for Practice

Dr. Bogart Leashore, Dean and Professor
Hunter College School of Social Work

Moderator

Mrs. Jean Brooks, Acting B.S.W. Program Director
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Windsor III

Session VI

Reality Approaches Toward Permanency For Children

**Dr. Gerald P. Mallon, Associate Professor and
Executive Director**
National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning
Hunter College School of Social Work

Moderator

Ms. Patricia Williams, B.S.W. Student
Child Welfare Trainee
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

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10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Windsor III

Session VII

How to Create a Special Needs Adoption Program Without Breaking a Few Eggs

Ms. Addie Williams, President and CEO
Spaulding for Children
National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption

Moderator

Dr. Jacquelyn Mitchell, Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Town Meeting
Presenters and Participants

Moderator

Dr. Mary S. Nelums, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

CLOSING LUNCHEON

Location: Windsor III
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Presider

Dr. Ruth M. Williams, Associate Dean
School of Social Work
Jackson State University

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Ruth M. Williams

Social Workers' Challenge: Changing the Lives of Mississippi's Children and Families

Speaker

Ms. Ruth W. Mayden, Director
Program for Families with Young Children
System and Service Reform
The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Presentations

Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., President
Jackson State University

Closing Remarks

Dr. Gwendolyn Spencer Prater

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