



**Building Relationship...Building Community**

## **Health and Human Services Conference 2012**

The Health and Human Services Conference 2012 is presented by ForeSight Leadership Training and the Department of Social Work at Johnson C. Smith University. The theme of this conference is: ***Race and Class: Implications for the Social Work Profession.***

Given the social, economic and political climates facing our community, how do we as helping professionals provide a multi-cultural approach to working with our customers and meeting the diverse needs of the community? This conference will be an interactive experience where helping professionals share knowledge, wisdom, information and resources that builds healthy relationships for the benefit of the community. Participation from individuals that represent diverse cultural, social, political and economic backgrounds is encouraged.

Awareness and understanding of the effects of race and class, helpful tips and strategies to improve relationships, and guidance on how to foster respect towards people that are different underscore the overall theme of this conference. A special recognition of Social Work professionals will be given in honor of National Social Work month.

### **Conference topics will include:**

- How to Work with Difficult Clients
- Strategies for Working Effectively with Male Youth
- Ethical Considerations for the Mental Health Professional
- Strategies for Building an Evidenced Based and Outcome Driven Social Service Program
- Strategies for Working with Older Adults and Senior's

### **Target Audience:**

Social workers, students in social work programs, case managers, health and human service practitioners, licensed professional counselors, mental health professionals, educators, faith community and anyone interested in the conference offerings.

### **Conference Objectives:**

- Provide research on race and class
- Provide practical, evidence-based strategies that promote transparent dialogue among the helping professionals
- Share strategies and solutions that equip and empower participants
- Foster an environment whereby participants from diverse cultural, social, political and economic backgrounds identify solutions and work cooperatively to better the community



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*Race and Class: Implications for the Social Work Profession*

***Friday, March 2, 2012***

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 East Morehead Street  
Charlotte, NC 28204

### **Conference Agenda**

<b>8:00am - 9:00am</b>	<b>Registration/Continental Breakfast/Networking</b>
<b>9:00am - 9:15am</b>	<b>Welcome/Opening Remarks</b>
<b>9:15am - 9:50am</b>	<b>Morning Plenary Speaker</b> Mary Wilson, Director Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services
<b>10:00am – 10:50am</b>	<b>Concurrent workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to Work with Difficult Clients</li><li>• Strategies for Working Effectively with Male Youth</li><li>• Ethical Considerations for the Mental Health Professional</li><li>• Strategies for Building an Evidenced Based and Outcome Driven Social Service Program</li><li>• Strategies for Working with Older Adults and Senior's</li></ul>
<b>11:00am – 11:50am</b>	<b>Concurrent workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to Work with Difficult Clients</li><li>• Strategies for Working Effectively with Male Youth</li><li>• Ethical Considerations for the Mental Health Professional</li><li>• Strategies for Building an Evidenced Based and Outcome Driven Social Service Program</li><li>• Strategies for Working with Older Adults and Senior's</li></ul>
<b>12:00pm – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch/Luncheon Speaker</b> Dr. David Miller, Associate Professor Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Case Western Reserve University <i>"Race and Class: Implications for the Social Work Profession"</i>
<b>1:45pm – 2:35pm</b>	<b>Concurrent workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to Work with Difficult Clients</li><li>• Strategies for Working Effectively with Male Youth</li><li>• Ethical Considerations for the Mental Health Professional</li><li>• Strategies for Building an Evidenced Based and Outcome Driven Social Service Program</li><li>• Strategies for Working with Older Adults and Senior's</li></ul>
<b>2:45pm – 3:45pm</b>	<b>Concurrent workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to Work with Difficult Clients</li><li>• Strategies for Working Effectively with Male Youth</li><li>• Ethical Considerations for the Mental Health Professional</li><li>• Strategies for Building an Evidenced Based and Outcome Driven Social Service Program</li><li>• Strategies for Working with Older Adults and Senior's</li></ul>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>End of conference</b>

# **Morning Plenary Speaker**

## **Mary Wilson, Director Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services**

Mary Wilson has been the director of Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS) since July of 2008. She manages a staff of 1,200 full-time employees and annual budget of \$174 million.

DSS administers federal- and state-mandated public assistance programs such as Food and Nutrition Services (formerly known as food stamps), Medicaid, North Carolina Health Choice and Work First Family Assistance. Other services DSS provides the community include the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program, Congregate and Homebound Meals, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Adoption Services and Foster Care Licensing and Recruitment.



Wilson graduated from the Duke/American Corporate Counsel Association Executive Program at Duke University Fuqua School of Business in 1992. She received her Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1985 and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Virginia in 1979. Her professional background includes various legal positions for companies such as KoSa, Hoechst Celanese Corporation and Duracell. Prior to coming to DSS, she was the executive director of the Friendship Community Development Corporation.

Wilson's civic life is rich and varied. She previously served as a Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commissioner and as parliamentarian to The Links Inc, Charlotte Crown Jewels Chapter. In addition, she served on the 2006 School Building Solutions Committee, Economic Development Task Force on Corridor Revitalization and Affordable Housing Implementation Subcommittee. She is currently Co-Chair of NCACDSS Advocacy Committee, and a Member of the NCACDSS State/County Relations Committee.

On November 17, 2011, Dr. Patrick Graham, the Board of Directors, staff and students of The Urban League of the Central Carolinas, along with a host of community leaders, business colleagues and friends, chose to honor Mrs. Wilson, with their prestigious "Unsung Hero" Award. *"Mary truly deserves her recognition by the Urban League because she has taken an interest in the growth of our community's most disadvantaged populations. Just as important, she provides a leadership style that supports collaboration across agencies and disciplines,"* said Dr. Patrick Graham, President and CEO of the Urban League.

Mrs. Wilson lives in Charlotte and has been married for 30 years to Ret. Major General Cornell A. Wilson Jr., who formerly served as Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. They have one son and two daughters: Cornell III, Candace and Caryn.

## **Luncheon Speaker**

**DAVID B. MILLER, Ph.D.**

**David B. Miller** is currently an associate professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Miller received his Ph.D. and Master of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993 and his Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina in 1986. Dr. Miller's current research focus is on the health status of African American males. Specifically, he is currently investigating the awareness and knowledge of African American males regarding prostate cancer.



Dr. Miller is continuing to work on the development and validation of the Urban Hassles Index (UHI), which measures chronic daily hassles in urban settings among adolescents and young adults. The UHI is currently being used in a longitudinal study in which the participants were drug-exposed In utero. In May 2011, Dr. Miller was the lead co-editor of a special issue of the journal *Research on Social Work Practice* on the topic of social work practice and intervention with African American males.

Dr. Miller is currently the chair of the Health specialization and is the lead instructor for the Research sequence. He teaches courses in both the masters and doctoral programs. Dr. Miller has worked as a social worker in a maximum-security prison and as a coordinator of a family planning project implemented to address infant mortality, both in the state of South Carolina. Dr. Miller has served as program evaluator for Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiatives in Sandusky and Garfield Heights, Ohio. He recently served as the program evaluator the Cuyahoga County Strong Start Program. He has also consulted with the United States Federal Probation Office and the Erie County Office of Children and Youth Services. Dr. Miller is currently serving as Councilman-at-Large and President of City Council in South Euclid, Ohio.

### **Recent Publications**

Miller, D. B., & Bennett, M. D. (in press). Challenges, Disparities and Experiences of African American males. *Research on Social Work Practice*.

Richardson, R. & Miller, D.B. (In press). Predicting the use of learner-centered instructional methods by undergraduate social work faculty. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.

Miller, D. B., & Joe, S. (2008). Life span: Young adulthood. In T. Mizrahi & L. E. Davis (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of social work* (20th Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press & NASW Press.

### **Research Interests**

*Health beliefs and practices of men of color; Prostate Cancer and African American Men; Effects of Chronic Stress on Adolescents & Young Adults*

### **Affiliations**

[Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change](#)



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**Registration Form**  
**Please Print. Copies Acceptable.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Business/School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (office) \_\_\_\_\_ (alternate) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees**

- \_\_\_ Free – Current Students in Social Work Programs (a copy of valid ID is required w/ registration form)
- \_\_\_ \$55.00 – Individual Rate
- \_\_\_ \$50.00 - Group Rate, per person, (Registrations for four people or more paid at the same time)
- \_\_\_ \$25.00 – Luncheon Only
- \_\_\_ \$35.00 – Vendor Table Only
- \_\_\_ \$80.00 – Individual Rate and Vendor Table (Vendor will be able to attend the workshops and Luncheon meal)

**Vendor Table Rental – Deadline for table rental is Friday, February 24th**

An individual, business or organization can rent a 6-foot rectangle display table on a first come, first serve basis. Tables are used to:

- Decorate, promote, and advertise your organization or business
- Share information about your upcoming programs, services or initiatives

All completed registration forms must be received with proper payment.

- There will be a \$25 fee for returned checks.
- Refunds may be given minus 25% administrative fee
- Registrations can be transferred to another person.

**PAYMENT METHODS: CHECKS**

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