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I HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ACCESS OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Participant	Presenter	family member* / youth/student
<b>BEFORE 6/2/09</b>			
FULL RATE (ALL days)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
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<b>AFTER 6/2/09</b>			
FULL RATE (ALL days)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$435	<input type="checkbox"/> \$335	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
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\*family member of a child or young adult with a behavioral or emotional disorder

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PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND FILL IN ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

**our mission statement:**

The Center is dedicated to promoting effective community-based, culturally competent, family-centered services for families and their children who are or may be affected by mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders. This goal is accomplished through collaborative research partnerships with family members, services providers, policy makers, and other concerned persons.

**the conference is hosted by:**

Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, & Regional Research Institute for Human Services, School of Social Work, Portland State University

**co-sponsors:**

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**continuing education:**

CEUs will be available for attending the conference. Credits will be as follows: Tues (6.00), Wed (6.75), and Thu (6.00).

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# Building on Family Strengths Conference: Research and Services in Support of Children and Their Families

PUTTING YOUTH AND FAMILIES FIRST

This national conference will provide the latest research and best practice information on two very important aspects of service provision: the inclusion of youth voice and philosophies of wraparound in mental health care and social services. These issues will be addressed throughout the conference—both by invited experts in plenary sessions, and through presentation of individual papers and symposia. In addition to these emphases, the conference promotes programs and practices to increase family and youth participation and empowerment; family-centered, youth-guided, and culturally competent services; and building the capacity of communities to support children and families.



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## who should attend?

Family members, youth, researchers, advocates, administrators, service providers, policy makers, and others committed to strengthening research and practice to better meet the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families.

## conference location

The conference will take place at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower in downtown Portland, Oregon. From the hotel, participants are within walking distance of shopping, parks, museums, restaurants, and entertainment. Hotel Address: 921 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Please visit [www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgAccommodations.php](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgAccommodations.php) to book your hotel accommodations—please book before May 21st to get the discounted conference rate.

This year's conference will focus on the latest developments in two exciting areas:

**Youth empowerment and participation** in designing, delivering, and evaluating services, supports, and systems. This theme will be addressed throughout the conference – both by invited experts in plenary sessions, and through presentation of individual papers and symposia.

**Wraparound.** The final day of the conference is co-sponsored by the National Wraparound Initiative. Plenary and breakout sessions will provide opportunities to learn about skills, tools, resources, and techniques for wraparound training, supervision, practice, implementation, system development, and more.

for the latest conference information and online registration, visit our website at [www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgMain.php](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgMain.php)

## tuesday keynote addresses

### YOUTH SUMMIT CALL TO ACTION

#### Keynote Speakers: Youth Summit Participants

The Portland National Youth Summit will present a Call to Action that will address gaps in and propose improvements to youth-focused services and research. Youth Summit Participants are national youth leaders who have navigated their way through mental health challenges and various services such as foster care, substance recovery, and the justice system.

### DIGITAL STORIES: CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF OUR STORIES

#### Keynote Speakers: Victor Damien, Marquita Jones, José Luis García

This presentation will showcase digital stories from San Francisco youth who share in their own words challenges, struggles, violence, barriers in the system, beauty, resiliency, strength, and love. Digital stories are a powerful way to capture experiences through a marriage of voice, pictures, music, and creativity. Marquita Jones and José Luis García will explain how this process works and give insight into how and why digital stories are an effective tool for education, advocacy, and awareness.

## wednesday research plenary

### FROM YOUTH-LED ACTION RESEARCH TO HEALTH JUSTICE

Presenters: Chris Barrick, Cadelba Lomeli-Loibl, Tony Robinson, Jesús Sánchez  
([www.youthinfocus.net](http://www.youthinfocus.net))

Youth and adults from Youth In Focus (YIF), a California-based nonprofit, share stories of their work in youth-led action research, evaluation, and planning. Drawing from case-studies and personal experience, the presenters highlight ways in which youth direct and participate in the entire research process, enhancing both the experience and the results of a project. They link their examples to the greater youth development fields and social justice movements with a special emphasis on mental health projects in YIF's Health Justice Initiative.



## thursday wraparound plenary

### WRAPAROUND TEAMS: THE GLUE THAT HOLDS HOPE TOGETHER

This moderated, interactive panel presentation will highlight the importance and role of the wraparound team in achieving positive outcomes. The panel members will discuss their unique perspectives on being part of a wraparound team, as well as the strengths and challenges of following the wraparound principles in everyday life.

## schedule of events

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Mon, June 22	3:00 - 6:00	Early Registration
Tue, June 23	8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Breakfast
	9:00 - 10:30	Opening / Keynote
	11:00 - 12:30	Workshops
	12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Provided
Wed, June 24	1:30 - 5:00	Workshops
	8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Breakfast
	9:00 - 10:30	Research Plenary
	11:00 - 12:30	Workshops
	12:30 - 1:25	Lunch Provided
Thu, June 25	1:25 - 4:00	Workshops
	4:30 - 6:30	Poster Session Reception
	8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Breakfast
	9:00 - 10:30	Wraparound Plenary
	11:00 - 12:30	Workshops
	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch on your own
	1:45 - 5:00	Workshops
	5:00	End of Conference



for the most up-to-date conference and hotel information, visit our website at [www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgMain.php](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgMain.php)

## arrangements

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

A "youth central" room will be open during the conference. Youth and family events will be offered on Tuesday evening. NOTE: Childcare is not available at the conference. Please visit our website for more details.

### MEETING ROOM AVAILABILITY

If you wish to inquire about the availability of meeting space during the Building on Family Strengths Conference, please contact Kris Gowen at [gowen@pdx.edu](mailto:gowen@pdx.edu).

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your hotel reservation through our website at [www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgAccommodations.php](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/conference/pgAccommodations.php) or call the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower at 1.800.445.8667. Tell them you are attending the 2009 Building on Family Strengths Conference.

There is a \$50 fee for early departure. Hotel rooms are \$147 for single or double occupancy, \$162 for triple occupancy, and \$177 for four people (hotel tax is 12.5%). These special conference rates are available until May 21, 2009, or until the conference block sells out. Register early: we cannot guarantee you a room at the conference price after May 21st.

### TRANSPORTATION

TAXI FARE to and from the airport is approximately \$35 one way. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (TriMet MAX Red Line) is also available to and from the airport. Fare is \$2.30 one way, and MAX stops two blocks from the Hilton. NOTE: The RTC and the Hilton are UNABLE to validate parking for presenters or participants. Several parking garages are located near the Hilton for your convenience. Metered street parking is also available nearby.