



LaCHIP Conference Sessions
8:30 am-5:15 pm
Thursday, November 5, 2009

- 8:30 – 9:45 AM Families with a Special Needs Child: Challenges & Opportunities (Mardi Gras Ballroom)**
The very designation of a child with "special needs" is often a tragic label with losses to be mourned by the parents. To others it may make the accomplishments sweeter and the deficits places from where strengths grow. This session will focus on the social worker's role in helping parents identify and draw from their family's strengths as they make this journey. **(1.25 contact hours)**
- 9:45 – 11:00 AM One Hour to Stressing Less and Enjoying Your Life More (Mardi Gras Ballroom)**
Your most important asset is your health. Investing a small portion of your time attending this stress management workshop will teach you how to use the simple act of breathing to manage stress and improve the quality of your life both in and outside the workplace. **(1.25 contact hours)**
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM Break**
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM LaCHIP & Children's Medicaid 101 (Balcony J & K)**
During this session the audience will be presented with basic eligibility information on LaCHIP and Medicaid programs designed for children. An overview of covered services will also be presented. Participant will gain a greater understanding of who can receive health care coverage through LaCHIP and Medicaid and what services those recipients will receive. **(1 contact hour)**
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM Key Note Address: Representative of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. (Mardi Gras Ballroom)**
(1.5 contact hours)
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM Break**
- 2:15 - 3:45 PM Impact of the Environment on Brain Development (Mardi Gras Ballroom)**
Dr. Gordon will present his findings on the impact that environmental factors have on early brain development. This session will include information on brain development and organization from infants through adulthood. Some of the environmental risk factors that will be discussed are poverty, nutrition and drug use. **(1.5 contact hours)**
- 3:45 – 5:15 PM Beyond LaCHIP: Disability Health Care Options (Mardi Gras Ballroom)**
One of the most common misconceptions about Medicaid is that it is only for people who are destitute. This session will dispel this common myth by presenting eligibility and coverage information on existing Medicaid and other programs for disabled children and adults who are well above the poverty threshold. **(1.5 contact hours)**