



# Strengthening Families, Navigating Life

a Family Enrichment Conference  
April 11-12, 2014  
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO



## HOSTED BY

The Family Partnership, MO Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, and MO Family to Family are excited to host *Strengthening Families, Navigating Life*: a Family Enrichment Conference. This is a free event designed especially for Missouri parents, legal guardians and caregivers of children, youth and young adults with special health care needs and early childhood family leaders.

## THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

The Family Partnership was formed by Special Health Care Needs (SHCN), of the MO Department of Health and Senior Services, to enhance the relationship between SHCN and the families it serves. The Family Partnership also provides peer support and resource information to families of individuals with special health care needs and identifies ways for families to connect with each other. Family Partnership members include individuals with special health care needs as well as parents, legal guardians or siblings.

For more info, go to [mofamilypartnership.org](http://mofamilypartnership.org).

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Join us **Friday** night as we Celebrate the Power of Diversity with Handicap This! Over 50,000 people from LA to NYC have been inspired by the men of Handicap This! Mike Berkson and Tim Wambach demonstrate the value of inclusion, challenge bullying, and celebrate the power of diversity. They raise awareness about people living with different abilities, and motivate any individual to go after their own goals and dreams. For a sneak preview visit [handicaphis.com](http://handicaphis.com).

**Saturday** features an opening keynote by Carla Snodgrass from Friends National Resource Center. Carla will share inspiring, uplifting ways to strengthen your family and build your family's resiliency. Lunch is a chance to share your views with your Family Partner and discuss how the Family Partnership can best support your family. The closing session is another chance to be heard as you reflect on your conference experience and begin to plan for the future both at the family and the organizational levels.

Door prizes will be offered throughout the conference - so don't miss a session!

Network with parents and caregivers • Discover resources to help you and your family • Enrich your leadership and partnering skills • Receive Friday night's hotel accommodations and Saturday meals free

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

## ■ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Register online at [mofamilytofamily.org](http://mofamilytofamily.org)

### Families & Family Leaders:

Friday hotel rooms and Saturday breakfast and lunch are covered by the conference. All rooms are double occupancy. One online registration can be completed and submitted for those persons sharing a room.

### Professionals:

The conference will not cover the cost of your hotel room - please see below.

► Please note dietary restrictions or needs for accommodations when you register online. If you have questions about the online registration or are unable to register online, call 1-800-779-8652.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The registration deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014, however we anticipate the conference to fill quickly and encourage you to complete your registration online as soon as possible. Registrations submitted after the due date will not be guaranteed hotel accommodations or seating space at the conference. If a waiting list develops, priority will be given to families who receive services from the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs and Family Leaders who have been specifically invited by Early Childhood, First Steps or Project Launch. If this occurs, you will be notified as to the status of your registration.

## ■ HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations will be made directly with the hotel by Family Partnership staff upon receipt of your online registration. Accommodations are based upon double occupancy. If you are registering as a single participant and you know of someone that you'd like to room with, indicate who on your registration form. All sleeping rooms are non-smoking.

Professionals are responsible for their own lodging arrangements. Overnight room reservations must be made directly with Tan-Tar-A at 1-800-826-8272 (1-800 Tan Tara) by March 28, 2014. Please mention the Family Partnership Conference to receive the discounted rate of \$79.00 per night plus taxes.

## HOTEL AMENITIES

All rooms include a refrigerator and wireless internet access as part of the conference registration. Parking is complimentary and the indoor pool and fitness center will be open.

Conference attendees will receive a breakfast voucher for Saturday morning that can be used in the hotel at the Black Bear Lodge or at the Burger King. For more information about the hotel and area attractions visit [tan-tar-a.com](http://tan-tar-a.com).

## ■ CANCELLATION POLICY

If you should need to cancel your conference registration, your cancellation request must be received in writing (e-mail, fax or U.S. Postal Service - no phone calls) by Monday, April 7, 2014. Please notify Susan Bird by email at [birdsk@umkc.edu](mailto:birdsk@umkc.edu), fax at 888-503-3107 or mail at 215 W Pershing Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108.

## ■ CHILDREN/CHILDCARE

Family Partnership is dedicated to providing a relaxing, fun environment for parents and caregivers (18 and older) who may not have resources to get away often to escape the stressors of their everyday life. For this reason, we do not offer child care but instead provide a stipend to help offset family expenses. We ask that you not register anyone under 18 as a participant or take them with you to the sessions.

## ■ PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

By attending the conference, you acknowledge that photographs and/or videos of you may be taken by our staff and/or photographers at any time. Furthermore, you grant the Family Partnership permission to use photographs and/or video of your likeness in any type of media, including websites and print publications without compensation or reward. Please call 1-800-779-8652 with any questions regarding this policy.

## ■ STIPEND ELIGIBILITY

Stipends are available for families who qualify to help offset family expenses necessary to attend the conference.

Only those attendees who have a child or youth:

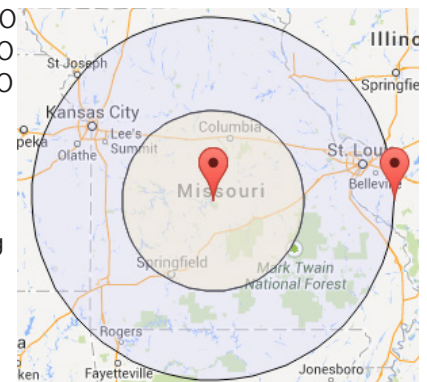
- enrolled in Early Childhood or
- enrolled in First Steps or
- with a special health care need

who physically resides in the home are eligible to receive the stipend. One stipend is available per family. If you are eligible and wish to receive the stipend, please select the appropriate box when you register online.

Stipends are based on the driving distance one-way to the conference as follows:

0-80 miles one way	\$100
81-160 miles one way	\$150
161+ miles one way	\$200

Stipends will be distributed at the event in the form of a Visa gift card. Questions regarding the stipend should be directed to Susan Bird at [birdsk@umkc.edu](mailto:birdsk@umkc.edu) or 1-800-779-8652.



## AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

### Friday, April 11

4pm	Hotel Check-in available
4 - 7pm	Exhibitor Area open
5 - 7:30pm	Conference Registration
7 - 9pm	Opening Kickoff

### Saturday, April 12

Breakfast on your own with conference vouchers

9 - 9:15am	Welcome
9:15 - 10:15am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Missouri Strong, Family Strong Break, Hotel Checkout (by 11am)
10:15 - 10:30am	<b>Navigating Life: Breakouts</b>
10:30 - 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeing the World through the Lens of Trauma</li><li>• SUCCESS in Telling Your Story</li><li>• Charting the Life Course: Living the Good Life</li></ul> Break
11:30 - 12pm	Lunch: Regional Networking with your Family Partners
12 - 1pm	<b>Strengthening Families: Breakouts</b>
1 - 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Art of Effective Advocacy</li><li>• Fathers Matter: Calling all Dads! (Moms welcome too)</li><li>• Family Leadership: Getting to your "Why"</li></ul> Break
2:00 - 2:15pm	Break
2:15 - 3:30pm	Closing Session



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## CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS

### First Steps - [mofirststeps.com](http://mofirststeps.com)

Missouri's early intervention system that provides services to families with children, birth to three years of age, with disabilities or developmental delays.

### Children's Trust Fund - [ctf4kids.org](http://ctf4kids.org)

Missouri's foundation for child abuse prevention.

### Project Launch - [projectlaunch.promoteprevent.org](http://projectlaunch.promoteprevent.org)

Helping all children reach physical, social, emotional, behavior and cognitive milestones.

## ABOUT MO ECCS

The **Early Childhood Comprehensive System Project** seeks to foster collaborative partnerships that support families and communities in developing children that are healthy and ready to enter school. Local stakeholder teams were identified or established in 12 communities to build capacity through increased community awareness and expanded and diversified funding. The ECCS team works closely with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood to implement Missouri's Early Childhood State Plan.

For more info, visit [health.mo.gov/atoz/eccs/](http://health.mo.gov/atoz/eccs/)

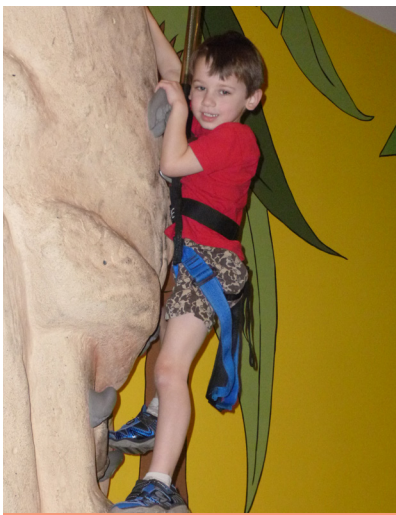
## ABOUT DHSS BUREAU OF SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Provides statewide health care support services, including service coordination, for children and adults with special health care needs who meet eligibility requirements. Programs include: Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Healthy Children and Youth, Medically Fragile Adult Waiver, and Adult Brain Injury.

The Family Partnership is an initiative between the UMKC-Institute for Human Development, UCEDD and the MO Dept of Health & Senior Services, which is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block Grant.

For more info, visit [health.mo.gov/shcn](http://health.mo.gov/shcn)





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