



Akron-Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Program, Inc.

17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 15, 16, 2009 – Quality Inn & Suites Richfield

THE NEXT LEVEL

Embracing & Enhancing Best Practices



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Barbara
Sykes

President & CEO Ohio United Way

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Akron-UMADAOP, Inc. is pleased to host the 17th Annual Conference "The Next Level: Embracing & Enhancing Best Practices." This year's conference will focus on developing the capacity for improving outcomes for consumers, as well as other challenges facing the viability of their families and the community. An important measure of the success of this year's 2009 conference will be the extent to which participants receive information that they can use and share with other professional colleagues and the Consumers. This 2 day conference brings together Program Directors, Case Managers, Clinical Supervisors, Preventionist, Clinicians, Judges, Treatment Counselors, Juvenile and Adult Probation and Parole Officers, Researchers, Policy Makers, Community Individuals and Leaders and other stakeholders involved in consumer care to hear about current research and best practices. In addition, the participants will be encouraged to apply the information that is shared to their work environments.

REGISTRATION FEES

Schedules and the Registration Fees are located on the Registration Form. Conference **Registration includes a program booklet, conference material, and one (1) Admission to all the Conference events such as the Annual Conference Dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased at an additional cost.** Single day registration will only receive tickets for the conference events taking place on that particular day, excluding the Annual Dinner. **Registration will be available on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm for those who would like to register early.** *All registration fees must be paid in full in order to be admitted to the conference. Cash, checks and official purchase orders are the only types of payment accepted at the Registration Center.*

SPECIAL NEEDS

Akron-U.M.A.D.A.O.P. will make every effort to accommodate any person with special needs. Please indicate on the registration form any special dietary needs. Further, anyone with any physical or sensory challenged needs requiring special accommodations, should notify the Registration staff when completing the registration information form by calling 330.379.3467.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Professionals from a wide range of disciplines, including prevention services, substance abuse treatment; health and human services, maternal and child health; mental health, domestic violence, child welfare, criminal justice and other related disciplines.

WHY ATTEND ?

To enhance and develop new skills needed for working with individuals and their families around the issues of substance abuse, prevention and treatment, mental health, prisoner re-entry, veteran healthcare and other challenges facing the family. In addition, the Conference will provide:

Understanding of substance abuse, family needs related to family continuity, violence, post-traumatic stress, prisoner re-entry and other health and social issues as it relates to culture, the media, religion and law enforcement on providing prevention services, treatment services, and mental health services.

Knowledge of the design and implementation of prevention and treatment programs, the acquisition of support for prevention and treatment programs, and the access to and interpretation of research and evaluation results regarding prevention and treatment programs. The participants will be able to:

- Be inspired and motivated to continue working with adults and youth to create healthier communities;
- Discover new ways to grow and change in our personal lives; and
- Strategize ways to work with youth and adults to implement change in organizations and communities.

Networking through awareness of the purpose and structure of various prevention and treatment programs, the establishment of relationships, and collaborations to enhance prevention and treatment.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

16.25 RCH's in Prevention and Treatment and 16.00 CPE's in Social Work and Counseling have been approved. These credits will be awarded to each participant according to their conference attendance within 60 days of completion of conference. Participants must complete an evaluation for each session they attend and must sign into each session.

CONFERENCE LODGING

**Quality Inn & Suites Richfield • 4742 Brecksville Road
Richfield, OH 44286 • Phone: 330.659.6151**

Participants must make their own lodging reservations with the hotel. Ask for the Akron-U.M.A.D.A.O.P. Conference special rate when making reservations. This special conference rate is in effect from **Wednesday October 14th through Friday October 16th.** Lodging and transportation fees are not included in the Registration Fees. Special conference lodging rate \$72 (plus 6.25% sales tax & 8.5% occupancy tax), (single/double occupancy) until September 27, 2009. After September 27, 2009 reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis and the special conference rate is not guaranteed. A deposit in the amount of one (1) night's room charge including tax to guarantee a room, which will be credited to the first night for which the reservation was made, must accompany all reservations. Hotel deposits from attendees are refundable if the hotel receives notice of cancellation, and can be confirmed with a cancellation number issued by the hotel, at least 48 hours prior to the arrival date. **Guest check-in time is 3:00 pm and check out is Noon.** Quality Inn & Suites amenities include free wireless high speed, iron, hair dryer. Non-smoking rooms available.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Barbara Sykes

Thursday, October 15, Dinner Speaker (6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)

Barbara Sykes is President and Chief Executive Officer of Ohio United Way, the State Association of United Ways across Ohio. The Association works to represent the public policy interest of its members, provide educational opportunities and lead statewide initiatives designed to improve Ohio communities.

She has dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of all Ohioans. She is a strong advocate for working families and for the rights of women and others who are often overlooked.

Mrs. Sykes was the first African-American woman to serve on the Akron City Council. She is the former Deputy Auditor of Administration in the Summit County Auditor's Office. The former 3-term State Representative for the 44th House District and past President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

She has received numerous recognitions including the 2002 Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Association of Children Hospitals, the 2004 Legislator of the Year by the Second Harvest for Hunger, the 2005 Legislator of the Year from Voices for Children of Greater Cleveland and the 2006 C. William Keck, M.D., M.P.H. Community Medicine Award.

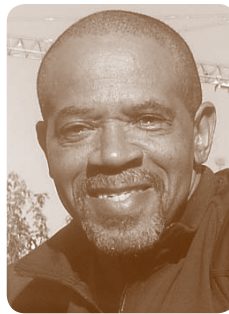
Beyond her service in city hall and the statehouse, Mrs. Sykes also has been active in statewide politics. She ran for state auditor in 2006 and served as the Ohio political director for the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign.

Sykes earned both her undergraduate degree in Social Work and her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Akron. She and her husband, State Rep. Vernon Sykes, have two daughters and one grandson.

GENERAL SESSION PRESENTERS



Ms. Susan James-Andrews, MA
President,
James-Andrews & Associates: CHALLENGES



Mr. Robert Vann
CEO/Executive Director
A Strictly Biblical Perspective Ministries, Inc.



**Ms. Kathryn Benson, LADC,
NCACII, QSAP**
Pleiades Clinical Consulting Services



**Ms. Cynthia Moreno Thohy,
NCAC II, CCDC III, SAP**
*Executive Director, NAADAC (The
Association for Addiction Professionals)*



Mr. Guy Wheeler, MSW, CAP, CCJAP
President,
Guy A. Wheeler Group



Ms. Elana M. Parker, M.Ed., M.L.A.P.
Reentry Coordinator/Public Health Liason
*Alabama Department of Correction/
Alabama Department of Health*

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Professional Ethics:

The Next Generation

Ms. Kathryn Benson, LADC, NCAC II, QSAP

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Principles of Effective Mentoring of Ex-Offenders

Mr. Robert Vann

10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Surviving the Absent Father

Mr. Guy Wheeler, MSW, CAP. CCJAP

1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Engaging the Families

Ms. Susan James-Andrews, MA

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Dinner Keynote Speaker

Barbara Sykes

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Enhancing Best Practices

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 2009

Conflict Resolution and Recovery in the Workplace

Ms. Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, NCAC II, CCDC III, SAP

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Juvenile Drug Court—What it is and How

Community Can Contribute to its Effectiveness

Ms. Susan James-Andrews, MA

10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Prisoner Reentry: Establishing Collaborative

Partnerships for Career Development

Ms. Elana M. Parker, M.Ed., M.L.A.P.

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Market Place

Ms. Susan James-Andrews, MA

Mr. Guy Wheeler, MSW, CAP. CCJAP

President, Guy A. Wheeler Group

3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

*Please note conference schedule
sessions run concurrently*

ABOUT AKRON UMADAOP, INC.

Challenges, our community has seen so much of it; it has touched the every core and essence of our City, State, Country and World. All of us have been affected in some way by these challenges—loss of jobs, loss of homes, loss of income, loss of healthcare and loss of love ones. Because of these losses, we have seen more families in need of prevention, treatment and other related services.

As a community-based organization, Akron-UMADAOP, Inc. uses a combination of Federal, State and Local dollars to provide comprehensive and evidence-based substance abuse prevention and treatment services. By providing innovative services to children, adults and their families in Summit County with emphasis on the minority communities, Akron-UMADAOP, Inc. has filled a critical gap in services.

The year 2008 proved to be very rewarding in that it has allowed us to look at our current practices and services in a manner that would allow positive reconstruction to enhance the viability and accountability of our Agency.

Janice T. Bourda Mercier Wade, Ph.D. OCPS II

Chief Executive Officer



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

MAIL

Return completed registration form and your payment to:

Akron-U.M.A.D.A.O.P.
Annual Conference
665 West Market Street
Akron, OH 44303

FAX

Fax completed registration form to:

Fax: 330.379.3465

Please mail in your payment

PHONE

Call and provide a Purchase Order number:

Tel: 330.379.3467

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Agency / Company _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Address (for confirmation letter and certificate) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

REGISTRATION

- Regular** \$150 (Cost if paid before September 21, 2009)
- Late/On-Site** \$200 (Cost if paid on or after September 21, 2009)
- Single Day** \$125 (Cost if paid before September 21, 2009)
- Late Single/On-Site** \$175 (Cost if paid on or after September 21, 2009)

Return Policy: A refund, less \$75 processing fee, will be granted if a request is submitted on or before September 21, 2009. After this date, no refunds will be granted for any reason, including inclement weather and acts of God. There will be no refunds or exchanges of meals or function tickets. Names of attendees may be substituted at any time.

I PLAN TO ATTEND

- Thursday Dinner Only** Thursday, October 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m. (Additional tickets @ \$35 each)
- Vegetarian Meal**

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____



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