

OHIO WELFARE CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

An Update from the Ohio Welfare Conference

HEY COLUMBUS-WE ARE BACK !!

Look forward to seeing us this year, **October 30, 31 and November 1, 2002** at the Ramada Inn on Sinclair Road, celebrating our 112th forum.

Reservation Deadline is Tuesday, October 8, 2002

This year's theme is "Changing Times: Meeting Challenges." Our program *Chair Gayle Foster* states that the workshops this year will truly focus on the challenges we all have faced due to budget cuts, reorganizations, and changes in welfare Legislation. We have asked presenters that are involved in influencing our people to present workshops that will be informative. Look for our registration booklets in late August early September.

Here is a preview of those workshops:

- * **Building Futures: Youth WIA**
- * **Welfare Reform/ReAuthorization**
- * **Job Retention/Hard to Employ**
- * **Tragedy on Wheels**
- * **Mental Health & Ohio Works First**
- * **One Stop Centers**
- * **Day Care Tracking**
- * **Diversity Our Greatest Strength**
- * **ACT - PRC - JFS a Working Partnership**

And our old time favorite

- * **Sister to Sister and HIV**



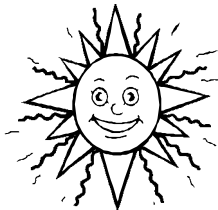
For those of us looking at day care options and planning, we have a firm out of California coming to present vital information on tracking and improving our day care systems. They will be able to show us how we can use up to date Internet-based technology to process paperwork and help in payment processing. We are truly excited to have them aboard.



Look for something special in our luncheon keynote speaker this year. We have selected **Mr. Mickey Burns**, who is an energetic full of laughter speaker. He has designed and implemented a motivational job club program that successfully placed nearly 3,000 public assistance consumers in employment. Look forward to him giving us some real hands on, first hand information on how best to help promote self sufficiency in this time of challenges and never ending change.

Opening Day !

The Ohio Welfare Conference is proud to announce that **Thomas J. Hayes, ODJFS Director**, will present the opening keynote address at the 112th Annual Forum. Director Hayes will outline the progress of welfare reform and share his perspective on human services. Please plan to join us for this informative session on October 30, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.



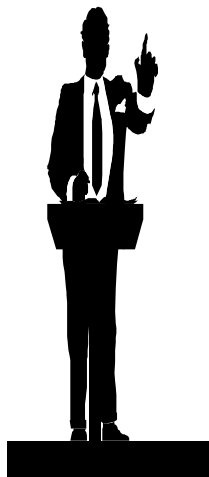
IRS will also be on hand to brighten all of our days ! For those of us who are just beginning in the field, the IRS will be able to help move you thru the mountains of tape when establishing reporting records.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Each year the Ohio Welfare Conference is approved for between 9 and 13 CEU's for Social Work Licensees. As offered last year, there will be no charge. This year we hope to add BRCH for counselors. Check our web site for more information.

A Note from the President !**Cynthia Goodrum**

On behalf of the 2002 Board of Trustees and Program Committee, I cordially invite you to attend the 112th Annual Forum of the Ohio Welfare Conference. This year's forum is being held **October 30 - November 1, 2002** in Columbus at the Ramada Inn-Sinclair Road.



This year's theme, "**Changing Times: Meeting the Challenge,**" aptly applies to the environment that all human

service professionals are currently facing on a daily basis. During these times of decreased funding and increased needs of our customers, finding the right solution can be difficult. This year's forum will include workshops that will help you in meeting the needs, as well learning alternative methods, for your customers. The OWC Program Committee has put together a group of quality workshops that will educate and give you an opportunity to learn from fellow human services professionals. In addition, we will offer free CEU's for Social Workers.

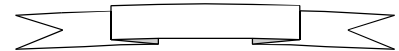
This promises to be an informative, as well as entertaining, event. We

hope to see you there !

**Find us
on the Internet**

www.ohiowelfare.org

Very shortly the site will feature a complete list and description of scheduled workshops for the 2002 Forum, along with a map to and description of the facilities and amenities at the Ramada Inn.



Exhibitor Booths and Program Advertising Space Still Available. Call for Rates & Details:

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SEE YOU IN OCTOBER !!