

CONFERENCE GOALS

- Learn strategies for creating and building positive cross-cultural relationships.
- Understand the changing Central Minnesota community and its families, as well as the opportunities this presents.
- Gain practical ideas for working with children and creating a more welcoming multi-cultural view.
- Understand and respond to people's gifts and the uniqueness within each of us.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference is open to anyone who works with young children and families: child care providers, teachers, early childhood and preschool educators, health care and human services providers, faith community members, volunteers, college students planning careers with children, parents and others wanting to learn more about the topic.

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Seventh Annual Children of Multiple Cultures: Building an Inclusive Culture

A conference for those influencing the lives of children from birth to age six.



Saturday, January 23, 2010

7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Mia Famiglia
Regency Plaza**

**912 W St. Germain Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301**

This conference will enhance your understanding of families of multiple cultures and cross-cultural relationships to better serve the young children in our communities.

This year's Children of Multiple Cultures Conference will be an interactive and engaging day of Intentional Social Interaction as we jointly explore:

Effective methods for working across race, class, culture, and other means of self-identity in order to build the most inclusive and robust culture within which to raise our children.

During your day with us you will explore and find new:

1. Strategies for communicating more effectively with parents
2. Tools, tips and techniques for learning about your own and other cultures
3. Ways to help children build cross-cultural understanding

All participants will attend each of the three sessions:

1. Exploring your own culture and others through stories, music, traditions, art and food.
2. Communicating effectively with parents, children and other early childhood professionals.
3. Playtime: Creating a cross-culturally inclusive play space for all.

Agenda for the Day:

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. The Changing Face of Central MN
- 9:00 a.m. Bias's Impact on the Community as a Whole
- 10:00 a.m. Sessions
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch/Peer-to-Peer Exchange and Learning
- 12:00 p.m. Sessions
- 1:00 p.m. Sessions

About the Presenter:

Marnita - founder and social capitalist of Marnita's Table—created the successful model of Intentional Social Interaction. A new human-centered approach to decreasing disparities, Intentional Social Interaction catalyzes enduring personal friendships across race, class and culture. Under her leadership, the non-profit has delivered 134 Interactions serving over 7,000 individuals.

She is a sought-after interactive public presenter on the topic of Bridging Social Capital. A senior communications industry veteran with more than 20 years of experience facilitating, training and team building, she excels at demonstrating the positive rewards garnered from proactively identifying and maximizing social capital. Marnita's professional and community volunteer activities focus on energizing groups and individuals to make proactive transformational change through intention, communication and action.

Marnita is herself a prime example of strength through multiculturalism. She is a biracial woman born of a Black man from the Dominican Republic and a Jewish-Danish-American mother, raised by Irish-German immigrant adoptive parents, with American Indian, Korean, and Vietnamese foster siblings. She is now the essential anchor for a family including her husband Carl, his two Jewish-Norwegian children and her own son, whose father is Black.

REGISTRATION

Cost is \$40 per participant. Participants will receive a certificate for six hours of in-service training.

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