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**United Way  
of Morris County**

*in partnership with  
Morris County Child Abuse Prevention Collaboration  
present a symposium:*

## ***Culturally Diverse Children and Families: Improving Our Responses to Suspected Maltreatment***

Friday, April 30, 2010

at the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ

**Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM**

Opening Remarks 9:00 AM

Registration Fee: \$25

Registration free for Collaboration Agency Members &  
College of St. Elizabeth's Students & Personnel (with copy of a valid id.)

***This half day training will consist of two presentations by  
Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes:***

### **Topic I: Interviewing and Intervening with Culturally Diverse Children and Families About Suspected Maltreatment**

In this training participants will learn how to prevent cultural misunderstandings when communicating with diverse children and their families about suspected child maltreatment. Examples will be drawn from a variety of immigrant and ethnic minority groups including Latinos, Southeast Asians, South Indians, and African Americans. The information is relevant to law enforcement, school personnel, forensic interviewers, CPS workers, and others.

### **Topic II: Physical Abuse, Discipline and Culture (and Prevention)**

In this workshop, participants explore the line between physical abuse and physical discipline. Participants learn ways to engage with diverse families to reduce all forms of violence toward children. Examples are drawn from diverse cultural groups.

Questions? Contact [symposium@dobcac.org](mailto:symposium@dobcac.org) or 973-631-5000

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**\*\* About the Presenter \*\***

**Lisa Aronson Fontes, PhD**

has dedicated almost 20 years to making the social services, criminal justice, and mental health systems more responsive to culturally diverse people. Her two most recent books are: Interviewing Clients Across Cultures: A Practitioner's Guide and Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families. She has written widely on cultural issues in child maltreatment and violence against women, cross-cultural research, and ethics. She is on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and on Union Institute & University's doctoral program in clinical psychology. She has worked as a family, individual, and group therapist, and has conducted research in Santiago, Chile, and with Puerto Ricans, African Americans, and European Americans in the United States. Dr. Fontes is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She completed a Fulbright Foundation Grant in Buenos Aires, Argentina and volunteered for three years with Somali refugees in Springfield, Massachusetts. She is a popular trainer and conference speaker.

**Who Should Attend?**

Leaders and role models including law enforcement, educators, school administrators, social service and non-profit personnel, medical professionals, childcare providers, parents, and members of the community and all other interested in increasing awareness & learning healthy interviewing and child abuse prevention skills.

**Program Schedule:**

*8:30-9:00 - Registration and Continental Breakfast*

*9:00 - Opening Remarks and Introduction of speaker by Maria Savetti, Esq., Executive Director of Deirdre's House*

*9:00-10:30 - Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes, Interviewing and Intervening with Culturally Diverse Children and Families About Suspected Maltreatment*

*10:30- 10:40 - break*

*10:40-12:30-Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes, Physical Abuse, Discipline and Culture (and Prevention)*

*12:30-Wrap-up/Reminder re: Completing Symposium Evaluation Survey by Maria Savetti*

**Program Location:**

The Octagon-Mahoney Library, College of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ

**Directions & Parking:** Directions and campus maps can be viewed by visiting the website for the College of St. Elizabeth at <http://www.cse.edu>. Parking is available in the designated areas of the college campus.

**Cost:** Cost of the program is \$25 per person payable by check to "Deirdre's House" with the completed registration form. Admission is free for Collaboration Agency Members and College of St. Elizabeth personnel/students presenting a copy of valid employee/student id. Cost for other college students who submit copy of valid student id is \$10.

**Application will be made for Continuing Education Credit:**

According to the regulatory criteria established by the New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners, and our intended compliance with those criteria, the Collaboration is applying for continuing education credits. If granted, we will offer this program to meet the continuing education requirements for the renewal of your New Jersey Social Work license/certification. If our application is granted we will offer three and one half (3 1/2) Continuing Education Hours for successful completion of this program.

**Certificates:** If our application is granted we intend to distribute Certificates at the conclusion of the program or as soon thereafter as possible. Participants must attend the entire program in order to receive a certificate of attendance.

**Registration form on next page**

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please return registration form with fee to:

Deirdre's House  
Attention: Donna Tyson, Esq.  
8 Court Street  
Morristown, NJ 07960

**\*\*The College of St. Elizabeth personnel/students or Collaboration Agency Members may email or fax completed registration form to:**

Telephone (973) 631-5000    FAX (973) 829-8683    E-MAIL: dbtyson@gmail.com

**Course:**                    *Culturally Diverse Children and Families:  
                                      Improving Our Responses to Suspected Maltreatment*

Please register the following individual.

**Personal information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

License number needed for CEUs if granted \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (*required for attendance certificate or CEUs if granted*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

Payment method (personal check or purchase order): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal check or purchase order number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it reads on check or name of paying entity on purchase order: \_\_\_\_\_

**A fully completed copy of this registration form and a fee of \$25 payable to "Deirdre's House" by check or purchase order only must be enclosed to register.**

This program is FREE of charge for Collaboration Agency Members and College of St. Elizabeth personnel and students submitting copy of valid personnel/student id via fax or in person.  
Cost for other college students submitting copy of valid student id is \$10.

**Seating is limited. Registration is not complete until fee is received. Thank you.  
Please use a separate registration form for each individual.**

**Deadline for Registration is Wednesday, April 21, 2009**