

VICTORIA ROWELL | FEATURED PRESENTER



Victoria Rowell, New York Times bestselling author, Award winning actress and lecturer was formerly a member of the American Ballet Theater family. Rowell has starred opposite distinguished actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, Bill Cosby, Forest Whitaker, Jim Carrey, Eddie Murphy and Dick Van Dyke.

Rowell has received numerous honorary doctorates, the Harvard Mentoring Project Certificate, is the recipient of the National Arts Award, and The United Nations Association Award for her continuous efforts with foster care and adoption as well

as her work on human rights and world peace. Victoria Rowell has been selected by 193 Members of Congress as a National Angel in Adoption. She is the national spokesperson for Casey Family Services - an arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, founded by United Parcel Service visionary, Jim Casey.

Rowell's sizzling novel "Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva" is scheduled to be released by Simon & Schuster/Atria, May 4, 2010

Victoria will present a keynote speech on Friday May 21, 2010 followed by a book signing.

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"the children we raise" CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

8:00 am	Check-in/ Continental Breakfast/Exhibits
9:00 am	Welcome Session/ Keynote Address: Victoria Rowell
10:30 am	Workshop Session A
12:15 pm	Luncheon (provided) / Partnership Awards for Community Friends
2:00 pm	Workshop B
3:45 pm	Free Time
6:00 pm	Evening Reception / Dinner starts
7:30 pm	Partnership Awards for Department of Children and Families Staff

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

9:00 am	Mandated Reporter Training
11:00 am	Brunch Reception/ Department of Children and Families Parent Award Ceremony

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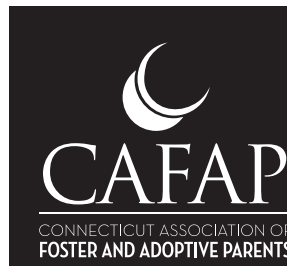
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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

Training Session A: 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

A1: Why do THEY do THAT? Understanding Autism Spectrum Differences and Supporting Kids with these Labels

This session will briefly review current understandings about autism and related neuro-developmental conditions. As a result, participants will understand best practices (what they are and why they work) for supporting kids with autism and strategies to avoid because they tend not to work!

Presented by Linda H. Rammler, M.Ed., Ph.D. (English Language)

A2: Bullying: “The Landscape of Bullying in CT: What Parents and Caregivers Ought to Know”

This session will address what is known about “bullying”, who the targets are and what is known about those who hurt them. Participants will gain information and strategies for working both with schools and directly with children. The ultimate goal is to diminish bullying behavior and allow children to learn and socialize in physically, emotionally and intellectually safe and welcoming environments.

Presented by Jo Ann Freiberg, Ph.D. Education Consultant (English Language)

A3: Youth Suicide Prevention

The Youth Suicide Prevention workshop is designed to present basic information on facts and statistics of suicide to participants. It introduces participants to common risk factors and warning signs of a suicidal person and provides basic knowledge and skills in managing a crisis while linking them to available resources.

Presented by Susan Morris, CT Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (English Language)

A4: Special Education (Part A)

This workshop is designed to give a basic understanding and language of the Special Education Law (IDEA and 504) and the No Child Left Behind Law. Participants will be provided with information to help obtain special education records, document issues and/or services that a child may need and prepare parents to actively participate in the PPT process. It is recommended that you attend the morning and afternoon session.

Presented by Melissa Schaffrick. (English Language)

A5: “No I Won’t and You Can’t Make Me!” Handling Children’s Power Struggles with Success (Part A)

Get ready to learn, laugh, and have some fun seeing a child’s behavior from a different perspective. This presentation will help parents and professionals examine what they currently have in their “Discipline Toolboxes” and evaluate the fact that many of these tools are outdated or no longer work. Get ready to have your “toolbox” rebuilt with more effective tools and methods that truly work with today’s challenging child.

Presented by Bob Corbett founder and president of Cooperative Kids, author of the book Love, Limits & Lessons (English Language)

A6: Promoting the Social and Emotional Development of Children with Asperger Syndrome

While first described in the 1940’s, Asperger Syndrome remains a puzzling and controversial diagnosis. Often compared to autism, young people with AS frequently display repetitive behaviors, have serious difficulty in social situations, and are awkward in their physical movements. Despite these issues, many of these young people have a normal command of language, test in the average to above average range of intelligence, are academically successful in school, and can succeed in a career. This workshop examines how

the social and emotional growth of these young people can be encouraged.

Presented by Tom Gullotta, CEO of Child and Family Agency S. E. Connecticut (English Language)

A7: Title: Qué es el Trastorno de Afecto Reactivo (Sesión I & II)

Narrative: En este seminario los participantes aprenderán: 1. Las posibles causas de este trastorno 2. Los síntomas de este trastorno 3. Entender porque el Afecto/Apego es tan importante y cual pueden ser los resultados cuando un niño ha sido puesto en el sistema de protección de niños 4. Las técnicas y recursos disponibles para ayudar a un niño que ha sido afectado por este trastorno. Esto es la Parte Uno de una dos serie de parte. Participantes deben inscribirse para las sesiones de la mañana como la tarde.

Presentado por William Rivera, Director de Asuntos Multiculturales del Departamento de Niños y Familias de Connecticut. (En español)

A8: The Impact of Family Response on LGBT Youth

Emerging research suggest that the single most important protective factor for LGBT youth is the positive response of their families when they come out. But do families need to transform themselves to make room for their LGBT kids? Let’s talk about it. Bring your questions, concerns, ideas and thoughts to this open discussion about supporting families as youth in their care comes out.

Presented by Robin P. McHaelen, MSW. Executive Director. True Colors, Inc. (English Language)

A9: Foster Parents and the Juvenile Court

Foster/adoptive parents have certain rights in the judicial process. In this workshop attendees will learn about the statute that addresses their rights to attend hearings and be heard concerning children placed in their care. Attendees will hear about how child protection proceedings and child protection mediation work and will have an opportunity for a question and answer session.

Presented by Cynthia Deming, Court Services Officer, Superior Court Juvenile Matters at Middletown, and Marilou Giovannucci, Manager, CSO Programs, Judicial Branch, Court Operations Division (English Language)

A10: Thinking Outside The Box/The Ever-Changing Rules of Engagemnt... Do You Have Your C.A.P On?

A workshop/Training designed to introduce its participants to the new thinking “paradigm” needed for success in working with today’s sometimes very troubled youth. This training will take an experiential approach to the introduction of this very special “paradigm” shift leading to creative problem solving. Participants will be made aware of the new “Rules of Engagement”.

Presented by Winston Long Chief Executive Officer, Lead Trainer and Co-Founder of T.O.O.L.S. Training Associates, LLC. T.O.O.L.S.

A11 “Talking Points” Foster parents are the best recruiters!

This workshop will offer tips so that foster parents will know how describe and discuss their foster/adoptive experience when co-leading an OH, PRIDE or helping at a recruitment events.

Presented by Jacqueline Ford, MSW, Regional Foster Care and Adopting Services Recruiter, and Pamela Kelley Program Supervisor Office of Foster and Adoption Services.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

Training Session B: 2:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

B1: “In the Old Days, I Wouldn’t Have Been Able to Sit for a Week!” Dealing with challenging behaviors through Positive Behavior Supports

This session will address relationship-building strategies for children with extremely challenging behaviors, enable participants to consider environmental, physiological, and communicative antecedents as the reasons behind challenging behaviors and to identify some child-specific ways to prevent challenging behaviors from occurring or de-escalating those behaviors prior to the crisis stage.

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B2: Special Education (Part B)

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B3: “No I Want and You Can’t Make Me!” Handling Children’s Power Struggles with Success (Part B)

This is a continuation of the morning session.

It is recommended that participants attend both sessions.

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B4: Bullying: “The Landscape of Bullying in CT: What Parents and Caregivers Ought to Know”

This is a repeat of workshop A-2.

Presented by Jo Ann Freiberg, Ph.D. Education Consultant (English Language)

B5: Youth Suicide Prevention

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Presented by Susan Morris, CT Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (English Language)

B6: What if my foster child gets arrested?

Foster parents sometimes find themselves in uncharted territory because their foster child has been arrested. How does the juvenile justice and adult criminal justice system work. What can foster parents do to help their foster child? What are the child’s rights as a DCF committed child/youth? Attendees at this workshop will learn how arrest, detention, bail and transfer laws work. A review recently enacted of the “Raise the Age” juvenile jurisdiction change laws will be included.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

Training Session C Mandated Reporter Training: 9:00a.m. - 11:00 A.M.

As Of 6/1/09 Licensed Foster Parents were added to the list of “Who Must Report Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect”. Connecticut General Statutes (State law) identifies those, who because their work involves regular contact with children, are mandated by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect. This training will provide information to update foster families regarding roles, responsibilities and changes in the law and possible preventive measures that foster families can take to protect themselves and the children and families placed in their homes. This workshop will allow for questions and answers regarding foster family concerns and to develop ways to work together to better protect children.

| EXHIBITOR INFORMATION |

We have limited exhibitor space for rent at the conference on Friday, May 21st

If you would like to learn more, please contact Vanessa at 860.258.3400

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Important Conference Information

Please read this page thoroughly before completing your registration.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Full Program conference registration includes:
 - All speakers and events on Friday and Saturday;
 - Continental breakfast, two workshop sessions, luncheon and evening reception on Friday;
 - Coffee hour, brunch reception and one post-licensing session on Saturday.

Registration will only be accepted by mail or online at www.cafap.com. Registrations will NOT be accepted by telephone or fax. Please register early as conference space is limited.

- Partial registration is available ONLY as outlined on the registration form. No exceptions can be made.
- Full payment is expected at the time of registration. Forms cannot be processed without payment. If you are registering with a group or agency and your registration is processed through a business office, please do not send your registration form until the check has been generated.
- Conference registration must be received by May 14, 2010 or late fees will apply as noted on registration page.
- Conference registrations will not be mailed. If we are unable to accommodate registrants, you will be notified.

WORKSHOPS

- Every effort will be made to accommodate your workshop choices. However, many of the workshops are limited by capacity. Please select both a first and second choice for each time slot for the day(s) you will be attending the conference. If you do not indicate a second choice, one will be selected for you.
- Workshop selections will be accommodated on a first registered, first served basis.
- Completion of the registration form does NOT guarantee your space in a particular workshop.
- CAFAP reserves the right to cancel a workshop(s).

HOTEL INFORMATION

- The conference is being held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel in Groton, Connecticut. The Mystic Marriott is located at Exit 88 on I-95.
- The Mystic Marriott Hotel is offering a special room rate of \$159.00 per night, plus tax, single or double occupancy. The number for reservations is 1.866.449.7390. All room reservations must be made by Thursday, APRIL 22, 2010.
- The hotel is holding a LIMITED number of rooms for this event. Please call early to reserve your room. When calling, please indicate that you are with the Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents’ Conference Group to receive the special room rate.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- If you have any special needs (i.e., dietary, physical, etc.), please contact our office at 860.258.3400 by Friday, May 7, 2010 so that we may assist you.
- Translation services are available. If you would like to utilize this service, please contact our office at 860.258.3400 by Friday, May 7, 2010 so that we may make arrangements for you.
- DCF licensed parents will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$50.00 each day for Friday and Saturday to help defray the cost of childcare and mileage. Reimbursement forms will be available at the conference. You are responsible for completing and returning the forms to CAFAP by June 9, 2010.
- DCF licensed parents will be eligible to earn up to three (3) Post-Licensing Training credits for attendance at all conference events.
- Children will not be permitted at any conference events including workshops, keynote addresses, presentations or meals.
- A limited number of conference scholarships are available to licensed foster and adoptive parents. If you would like to be placed on the applicant list, please contact Vanessa at 860.258.3400 before Friday, May 7, 2010.

Este folleto está disponible en español. Si usted está interesado(a) en una copia, favor de visitar nuestro sitio en el internet a www.cafap.com para imprimir el folleto o favor de llamar a nuestra oficina al 860.258.3400 para obtener una copia a vuelta de correo.

This brochure is available in the Spanish Language. If you would like a copy, please visit our website at www.cafap.com to download the brochure or, please call our office at 860.258.3400 to receive a copy by mail.

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Fifteenth Annual Conference Registration Form

May 21-22, 2010



Please mail this form with payment to:
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Or register online at www.cafap.com

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Please use one form per person. This form may be photocopied. Additional forms may be obtained at www.cafap.com or by phone at 860.258.3400.

Payment Information:

- Check payable to CAFAP is enclosed.
- Credit Card Number: _____
Exp. month and year: _____
- Visa MasterCard
- Card Billing Address: _____
- Signature: _____

Choose ALL that apply:

- I am a Foster and/or Adoptive Caregiver
 - Licensed with DCF
 - Licensed with a private agency
- I am a DCF Licensed Relative Caregiver
- I am a DCF Staff Member
- Other (please specify) _____

Choose one:

- I would like to be added to CAFAP's weekly email list.
- I would ONLY like to receive email regarding CAFAP conferences.
- I would like to "Go Green" and receive all CAFAP publications via email.

Please circle your registration rate. You may select only (1) complimentary day.

Choose your program ↓	Before	After
	5/14/10	5/14/10
Full Program 8:00 a.m. Friday through 2:30 p.m. Saturday	\$55	\$80
Friday and Saturday Daytime Programs Only Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sat: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	\$35	\$60
Friday Program Only 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Complimentary*	\$30
Friday Evening Event 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	\$30	\$30
Saturday Program Only 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Complimentary*	\$30
Saturday Brunch Only 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	\$30	\$30

* Only one (1) complimentary day, either Friday or Saturday, can be chosen. Attendance at the other day will require payment.

Please make your training and meal selections below.

<p>Friday, May 21, 2010</p> <p><u>Training Registration</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will attend Workshop Session A (10:30 a.m.). 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend Workshop Session A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will attend Workshop Session B (2:00 p.m.). 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend Workshop Session B.</p> <p><u>Meal Registration</u></p> <p><u>Friday Lunch Choices (pick 1):</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baked Native Cod</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Stuffed Eggplant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend the luncheon.</p> <p>Friday Evening Dinner Choices (pick 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gnocchi Primavera</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pistachio-crust Sea Bass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maple Glazed Pork Tenderloin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend the evening event.</p>	<p>Saturday, May 22, 2010</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will attend Institute Session C (9:00 a.m.).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend Institute Session C.</p> <p><u>Meal Registration</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will attend the brunch.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT attend the brunch.</p>
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