

NATIONAL FORUM OVERVIEW

WHAT

NCCRESt's 2nd Annual National Forum on Disproportionality,
Leadership for Equity and Excellence: Transforming Education.

WHEN

Wednesday, February 7th, 2007 – Friday, February 9th, 2007

Wednesday–Friday, exhibit hall open

Wednesday, pre-conference activities

Thursday-Friday, over 95 concurrent sessions

WHERE

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Washington D.C.

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WHY

- To support states as they continue to monitor and implement changes in local practice and policy to eliminate disproportionality in special education programs and strengthen their implementation of culturally responsive practices;
- To create a venue for state, district, school, advocacy, and higher education personnel to network and share best practices, and;
- To improve knowledge around eliminating disproportionality by connecting with broad reform agendas for literacy, numeracy, technology, universal design, behavioral supports, early interventions, English language learners, teacher quality, leadership, data usage, culturally responsive curricula and instructional practices, pre-referral and referral processes, related services and assessment, family involvement, and student engagement.

WHO

The event is being hosted by the National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems (NCCRESt). We are looking for other sponsors in a variety of fields. There are many options for sponsorship. Participants will include educators, policy makers, advocacy groups, parents and community members representing State Educational Agencies, Local Educational Agencies, and school districts from all 50 states along with keynote speakers, community leaders and families.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

This year's speakers include: Robert Moses, Ph.D., Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, Ed. D., Pedro Noguera, Ph.D., and Sonia Nieto, Ed.D. Last year's keynotes included: Joe Johnson, Peggy McIntosh, Glenn Singleton, Brenda Townsend, and our Principle Investigators: Alfredo Artiles, Beth Harry, Janette Klingner, Elizabeth Kozleski, and Grace Zamora Duran.

LAST YEARS FORUM

For more information on last years forum please visit our website www.nccrest.org and go to the events page "Events 2006". Browse through pictures of the previous conference and download some of powerpoint presentations that were given.

NCCREST'S NATIONAL FORUM SPONSORSHIPS

BECOME A SPONSOR FOR NCCREST'S 2ND ANNUAL FORUM ON DISPROPORTIONALITY

Your participation will help raise awareness about creating culturally responsive educational systems as well as assuring equity in educational outcomes for all students. It is important to work to close the achievement gap between students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and their peers, and to reduce inappropriate referrals to special education. This topic is a vital issue for the education of students today, as educational systems work to meet the requirements of NCLB and IDEA 2004. Your donation, which is fully tax-deductible, would add greatly to the spirit of the project!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADVOCATE LEVEL \$7,500

As an advocate level sponsor you may make a purely financial offering of \$7,500 or more, or you may sponsor a keynote speaker by paying for their fee and travel to attend the conference. In return you will receive...

- 3 free tables
- Priority table placement
- Free full page advertisement in conference program book
- Link for one year on the National Center's web page, which has an average of over 30,000 unique visitors a year
- Your organizations logo displayed prominently at the reception and keynote luncheons
- Acknowledgement in our electronic newsletter (eNEWS), which reaches over 8,000 educators, following the conference
- A conference bag insert that will be given to every registrant

COLLEAGUE LEVEL \$5,000

As a colleague level sponsor you may make a purely financial offering of \$5,000 to \$7,499, or you may sponsor the reception on Thursday night by providing entertainment and food. In return you will receive...

- 2 free tables
- Priority table placement
- Free half page advertisement in the conference program book
- Link for one year on the NCCREST web page, which had an average of over 30,000 unique visitors a year
- Your organizations logo displayed prominently at the reception
- A conference bag insert that will be given to every registrant

ASSOCIATE LEVEL \$2,500

As an associate level sponsor you may make a purely financial offering of \$2,500 to \$4,999 or you may sponsor the exhibit hall, a strand in the concurrent sessions, a book signing, a roundtable discussion, or the closing ceremonies. In return you will receive...

- 1 free table
- Priority table placement
- Your organizations logo displayed prominently at the reception
- Free quarter page advertisement in the conference program book