

Third Annual CREATE Conference

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The Third Annual CREATE Conference is scheduled for Tuesday-Thursday, April 26-28, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Green Bay, Wis. The conference theme is “Culturally Responsive Practices” in the following areas: Classroom, RTI, PBIS, Family/Community Involvement, Policy/Environment, and Evaluation/Accountability.

The conference, which will open with a pre-conference on **“Beyond Diversity Training,”** is scheduled for April 26-27 and facilitated by Dr. Glen Singleton. Beyond Diversity Training will be open to the first 65 people that enroll.

The pre-conference on **“District Needs Assessment and using District Data,** is scheduled for April 27 and required for districts identified with disproportionate representations of students in Special Education classes. It is designed to provide districts the support and technical assistance they need.

Dr. Lucille Eber will lead a pre-conference keynote on April 27 titled: **“District level strategies, leadership and sustainability, with a focus on disproportionality within a PBIS structure.”** She will also present a breakout session as a follow-up to her keynote.

The conference on April 28 is open to all educators and other professionals. The conference will offer two keynote presentations and a number of breakout sessions by presenters from the region. The keynote and breakout sessions are designed to address districts’ needs identified through the previous conference evaluations and the Next STEPS Survey by districts with disproportionate representation.

Dr. Geneva Gay and Dr. Cornel Pewewardy will each lead separate keynote discussions on culturally responsive practices and also present corresponding sectionals as a follow-up to their respective keynotes.

Dr. Gay's keynote topic is: "**Culturally Responsive Teaching in Theory and Practice**" and Dr. Pewewardy's topic is, "Creating the Next Generation of Culturally Responsive Teachers: The Elusive Quest for Equality in Teachers Education."

All conference sectionals promise to provide practical strategies that conference participants can apply in their practices.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees at state rate, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI. When making hotel reservations, please indicate that you are attending the CREATE Conference and mention the room block.

Registration: Online registration with begin on (date) at (Address).

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