

CCFC News Briefs at Your Fingertips

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CCFC Goes to the White House

On December 9, CCFC was one of 12 panelists invited to the White House by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to take part in a national roundtable discussion on building the capacity of frontline faith-based and community organizations. The purpose of the roundtable was to highlight innovative models and promising practices for government partnership with faith-based and community organizations to solve social service problems. CCFC conducted a brief presentation on Missouri's faith-based substance abuse initiative and how the state's Access to Recovery (ATR) program works.

45 Attend Recovery Support Services Rally at State Capitol

The Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City was the site of a Winter Recovery Support Services Rally January 22 hosted by the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network. A total of 45 members from faith and community-based recovery support programs participated from eastern, western, southwestern, southeastern, and mid Missouri. They met with various legislators after the rally. The purpose of the rally was to advocate for state funding for recovery support services. Currently, recovery support services are funded by federal grant dollars that will end September 30, 2010. The Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network is seeking the permanent addition of recovery support services to the continuum of care for substance abuse and addiction in Missouri. A follow-up visit to the Capitol is set for Wednesday, March 4. Organizations that provide recovery support or related services are invited to register for a display table March 4 at the Capitol by calling CCFC at (314) 729-2133 or e-mailing ccfc.ccfc@att.net.

Basic Addictions Academy Set for May 18-22 at Lincoln University

Registration is now open for CCFC's Spring Addictions Academy May 18-22 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. The registration fee is \$125 per person. Space is limited to the first 100 registrants. Registration information can be found at www.ccfc-stl.org on the Events Page. Attendance at the Academy is a requirement for those ATR recovery support providers who have not had at least two staff or volunteers to previously complete the course. The Academy is a week-long training on addiction designed for the faith community. Participants receive a total of 32 contact hours through the Missouri Substance Abuse Professional Credentialing Board.

Advanced Addictions Academy Canceled for 2009

The economy has taken its toll on CCFC. The Advanced Addictions Academy that is held annually in July at Lincoln University has been canceled for 2009. The Advanced Academy is a 20-hour three-day course on addiction that builds on the Basic Addictions Academy. The Advanced course was developed at the request of graduates of the Basic Academy who wanted to continue their learning. In the past, CCFC has been able to offer the Advanced Academy at a fraction of the true cost because of support from contributors. The actual cost of the Advanced

Academy is about \$600 per person, and given the current economic climate, registration for conferences and training is down.

CCFC Installs Officers for 2009-2010 Term

CCFC is pleased to report that Rev. Isaac C. McCullough was elected to serve his third term as chairman of the board of directors of CCFC. Rev. Ellen Maher-Forney is currently serving in the dual capacity as vice-chair and treasurer. Dr. Vetta Sanders Thompson is serving her second term as secretary of the board, and Sharon Ema is serving her third term as chaplain. Congratulations to our leaders!

CCFC & Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City Hosting Free Grant Writing Workshop

The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and CCFC have teamed up to offer a free day-long workshop for Greater Kansas City area residents entitled *Introduction to the Grant Writing Process*. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Western Missouri Mental Health Center and is for faith and community-based organizations in Jackson, Cass, and Lafayette counties in Missouri as well as Allen, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Advanced registration is required. Slots will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. A registration form is available at www.cfc-stl.org on the Events Page.

Get a Life! Rural Youth Prevention Conference Set for March 14 in Clarksville

Pike County R-III Clopton School District, the Northeast Missouri Clergy Coalition, and CCFC are sponsoring a free youth prevention conference Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Clopton Schools, 28176 Highway WW, Clarksville, MO 63336. Additional information and a registration form can be downloaded at www.cfc-stl.org on the Events Page. This conference is for elementary, middle, and high school students and their parents. Clarksville is near the Hannibal and Bowling Green area. There will also be free exhibit tables for not-for-profit organizations. An exhibitor's registration form may be obtained by calling (314) 729-2133.

CCFC's Advisory Council and Resource Library To Host Lunch 'N Learn Series in St. Louis

CCFC's Advisory Council and Resource Library will launch a monthly series of free lunchtime workshops in St. Louis at the CCFC office, 2730 Watson Road, beginning March 19 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will earn 1 contact hour through the Missouri Substance Abuse Professional Credentialing Board. Space is limited, and slots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Workshop topics will include *Depression in Women* March 19, *Helping Addicted Individuals Learn to Nurture Their Spirits* April 16, *Depression in Children & Youth* May 14, and *Depression in Men* June 18. Go to www.cfc-stl.org for a registration form.

CCFC's Regional Meetings for Faith-Based Organizations Set for February

CCFC is coming to a town near you. Please plan to join us at one of our upcoming regional meetings for faith-based organizations. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information about funding opportunities, activities, and events; to provide the forum for regional networking opportunities among faith organizations that are involved in social services; and to share

information about what is happening and what the needs are for frontline faith-based organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of their communities. You will also have the opportunity to meet Rev. Bridget Smith, director of faith-based and community partnerships for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. No reservations are needed. The meeting schedule is listed below.

City	Date & Time	Location of Meeting
St. Louis	Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn-Forest Park 5915 Wilson (I-44 & Hampton) St. Louis , MO 63110
Kansas City	Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m.	National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Greater Kansas City 633 E. 63 rd Street , Kansas City , MO 64110
Columbia	Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.	Best Western Hotel 3100 I-70 Drive SE Columbia , MO 65201
Sikeston	Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.	Best Western Hotel 220 S. Interstate Drive Sikeston , MO 63801
Springfield	Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.	Clarion Hotel 3333 S. Glenstone Springfield , MO 65804

Next Meeting of Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network Set for April 17

The next meeting of the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network will be April 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Columbia . The location is to be determined. The Network is an informal statewide gathering of individuals of faith who have an interest in faith-based substance abuse prevention, treatment, recovery and related issues. You do not need to represent an organization to attend Network meetings. The purpose of the Network is to provide cross-state networking opportunities and to advocate for the need for faith-based substance abuse services. If you are interested in coming, please e-mail us at ccfc.ccfc@att.net to reserve a space.

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