

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Each person planning to attend the conference must complete a registration form and submit the form and \$100 registration fee **on or before October 26. There will be no on-site registration.**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The registration fee includes an opening reception at the Georgia Aquarium, as well as all meals (except for Tuesday evening) and symposium sessions.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

You may register in one of three ways:

1. Visit [www.bgca.net](http://www.bgca.net) to complete and submit your registration online with credit card payment.
2. Complete the enclosed registration form and fax with credit card payment to Boys & Girls Clubs of America at (404) 487-5840.
3. Complete the enclosed registration form and mail with check or credit card payment to:  
National Family Support Symposium  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
1275 Peachtree St. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30309-3506

## CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to receive a refund, cancellation requests must be submitted in writing **no later than October 31, 2007.** A \$25 fee will be charged for each cancellation. E-mail your cancellation requests to [familyPLUS@bgca.org](mailto:familyPLUS@bgca.org).



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel  
165 Courtland Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(800) 833-8624

The nightly rate at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is \$139 plus applicable taxes. This special rate is guaranteed **through October 17, 2007.** After that date, rates are subject to availability. Contact the hotel directly to make your reservation.

## SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

Questions about the symposium? Contact Marella Bivins at (404) 487-5763 or e-mail [familyPLUS@bgca.org](mailto:familyPLUS@bgca.org).

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# BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA PROUDLY PRESENTS 2007 FAMILY SUPPORT SYMPOSIUM DEVELOPING YOUTH BY STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

**To increase awareness of family support among Clubs, Boys & Girls Clubs of America will host a national family support symposium.** As part of the Impact 2012 strategic plan set forth for the Movement, families are an increasingly more important part of Club life. By attending this symposium, attendees will learn how to expand the influence of the Movement beyond our walls to enhance family support by promoting programs and partnerships that strengthen families and communities. Parents, subject-matter experts, Club professionals and guest speakers will present cutting-edge information, success stories and practical tools and strategies for overcoming the challenges facing families today. Working closely with the community at large, parents and caregivers of Club youth and Club professionals can identify the problems and issues that affect families today, and come up with creative yet practical methods of collaborating with community organizations to provide parents and caregivers with needed resources to strengthen the family unit.

## The symposium will offer sessions within five key areas:

- **Family Dynamics** – involving parents and caregivers in the positive development of youth
- **Health** – promoting children's physical well-being and ensuring that they can participate fully in Club activities
- **Education** – actively engaging parents and caregivers in their children's academic success
- **Risk Factors** – understanding how gangs, drugs and violence affect the family unit
- **Community Collaborations** – identifying local and national resources for parents and caregivers

Don't miss this opportunity to attend BGCA's National Family Support Symposium, generously sponsored by the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. The symposium will also allow participants to develop a network of useful contacts to assist them in their future family support endeavors, hear from inspiring speakers and have the opportunity to share ideas with colleagues from around the country.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Club youth development professionals
- Parents/Caregivers of Club youth

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The National Family Support Symposium will feature an opening-night reception at the Georgia Aquarium, complete with a tour of the world's largest aquarium, dinner and transportation to and from the event.
- Keynote speaker Judge Glenda Hatchett, author, television personality and chief presiding judge in one of the country's largest juvenile court systems, will speak to the issues facing today's youth and families at the symposium's opening luncheon.
- Melvin B. Richardson, author of *Embracing All of Parenthood: Our Wives and Mothers Can't Do It All*, will participate in a book-signing event. Richardson will also present a session on involving the father and sit on a panel of parents who share their experiences with youth development issues.
- Michael Dorn, an international authority on youth safety concerns, will present his experiences addressing Club safety issues at the symposium's closing luncheon. Dorn serves as the Executive Director of Safe Havens International Inc., a non profit school and youth safety center whose analysts have worked in more than two dozen countries to make the world a safer place for children.

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Monday, November 5, 2007

- 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Check-In/Customer Service
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tour of BGCA National Headquarters
- 5:00-9:00 p.m. Evening at the Georgia Aquarium

### Tuesday, November 6, 2007

- 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Customer Service
- 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Welcome/Opening Session
- 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Half-Day Workshops
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. Opening Luncheon
- 1:45-3:15 p.m. Informational Sessions
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Informational Sessions
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Book Signing
- 6:00 p.m. Free Evening

### Wednesday, November 7, 2007

- 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Informational Sessions
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. Closing Luncheon

## HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS

\*Pre-registration is required for these workshops.

**Best Outreach Strategies/Programming for Parents** – Panels of Club professionals and parents share their success stories and challenges for reaching today's youth.

**Communication: Let's Talk, Let's Act** – Research says that when young children want information, advice and guidance, they turn to their parents first. A youth's academic achievement is directly influenced by their emotional and physical health, and outcomes can be improved through effective family education and communication.

**Drugs: Alarming News** – Learn how to identify and prevent drug abuse, and learn about the latest drugs, from inhalants to methamphetamines.

**Gangs: Joining for Life** – Sociologists, as well as actual gang members, have identified several reasons youth may join a gang. Among those reasons are identity, discipline, recognition, love, belonging, protection and money. Clubs and parents/caregivers can help kids stay away from gangs by providing positive environments.

**Recognizing and Addressing Signs of Abuse: Protecting our Youth** – Youth are often warned about sexual predators and abuse, but it is up to the adults that care for them to educate youth, recognize when a child shows signs of abuse and provide the means to help when necessary.

**Teens: A Lesson in Understanding** – Teens' rebellious behavior is often a way for them to feel some degree of power in a family and a world where they often feel totally powerless. Learn how to reach out to them and address their need to feel important.



## PROGRAM TOPICS

- Becoming Media Savvy
- Believe It: Working with Faith-Based Organizations
- Best Outreach Strategies: Learning from Clubs
- Child and Adolescent Health: Involving Youth in Club Activities
- College: It is Possible
- Diversity: Reaching the Hard-to-Reach Communities
- Family Violence: When Love Hurts
- Fatherhood: Involving Dad
- Foster Parents Are Parents Too
- Kinship Care: Non-Parents Being Parents
- Making Connections: Building Capacity
- National Resources: They're Here, They're Free
- Parents in the Workforce: Economic Development
- Parents Involved: School's Not Just for Kids
- Parents Share Their Stories
- Programming for Parents: What Has Worked and How
- Sustainability: Show Me How to Get the Money!

