



***14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health:  
Minneapolis, MN, November 2-4, 2009***

The University of Maryland Center for School Mental Health, with the IDEA Partnership ([www.ideapartnership.org](http://www.ideapartnership.org)), is sponsoring the 14th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, November 2-4, 2009, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a participant of the CSMH conference, you will gain knowledge about the latest best practices, resources, and tools. You will be able to learn from and network with key stakeholders in the school mental health field (e.g., students, families, educators, mental health providers, health providers, advocates, administrators, policy makers). We have designed a high quality, interdisciplinary conference packed full with updated information and opportunities to gain new skills and advance knowledge related to school mental health!

There will be twelve separate conference strands corresponding to the twelve practice groups within the larger National Community of Practice on Collaborative School Behavioral Health. These strands are listed below:

- Child Welfare and School Mental Health
- Connecting School Mental Health and Positive Behavior Supports
- Connecting School Mental Health with Juvenile Justice and Dropout Prevention
- Education: An Essential Component of Systems of Care
- Family-School-Community Partnerships
- Improving School Mental Health for Youth with Disabilities
- Learning the Language: Promoting Effective Ways for Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Psychiatry and Schools
- School Mental Health for Military Families
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health in Schools
- Quality and Evidence-Based Practice
- Youth Involvement and Leadership

Conference registration information is now available, by clicking [here](#). If you would like to be added to the Center's mailing list, please sign up on the Center's [homepage](#).

***We hope to see you in Minneapolis!***

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GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Intended Audience**

Youth, family members, advocates, policy makers, health professionals, mental health providers, counselors, educators, family therapists, health educators, nurses, physicians, psychologists, social workers, and other youth-serving professionals.

**Continuing Education**

This event will be seeking co-sponsorship from *The Institute for Continuing Education, and the American Public Health Association*.

**Registration**

You may register directly online, or by mail (please note, there is a higher fee if you register by mail). The registration deadline is September 30, 2009. Registration forms received after that date will be accepted if space is available. You may pay by purchase order, check, or credit card. If you are paying by institutional check, please include your registration form with a copy of your check (please provide your institution a copy of your registration form to mail with the actual payment). We will confirm all registrations by email. If you register for the conference and cancel after September 30, 2009, you are still responsible for registration fees. Registration is available by clicking [here](#).

**Group & Student Discount**

For groups of 5 to 9 a \$10 discount per registration is available. For 10 or more, a \$20 discount is available per registration. Registrations and payment must be received at the same time and no later than September 30, 2009, to be eligible for this discount.

**Scholarships**

A limited number of scholarship funds are available. To apply for scholarship assistance, please write or fax Sylvia McCree-Huntley, Center for School Mental Health, 737 West Lombard Street, Room 419, Baltimore, MD 21201; Fax 410-706-0984. Include name, contact information and a brief statement of the reason for your scholarship request, as well as an indication of how you will make use of the information gained at the Conference in your community. There will be a nominal fee of \$275 to cover handouts, program booklet, food events, etc. The deadline for scholarship applications is August 15, 2009.

**Special Discount for Journal Subscriptions**

Please note that the Center has entered into a collaborative partnership with the Clifford Beers Foundation to publish the new journal, *Advances in School Mental Health Promotion* (see [www.schoolmentalhealth.co.uk](http://www.schoolmentalhealth.co.uk)). All conference attendees who subscribe to the new journal and provide email documentation of subscription will receive \$50 off the conference registration.

**Lodging**

**Reserve your room early!** A limited block of hotel rooms are available on a **first option basis** until September 30, 2009, at a special room rate of \$189 per night for single and double occupancy, plus room tax. Reservations must be received prior to September 30, 2009 to

ensure a room at this special rate. State that you will be attending the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health.

**NOTE:** The reserved room block may fill up before the deadline date of September 30, 2009. Reserve your room in advance by calling the Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States 55403-2440, Tel: 1-612-376-1000 Fax: 1-612-397-4875 [www.minneapolis.hilton.com](http://www.minneapolis.hilton.com)

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### **Cancellations and Refund Policy**

A full refund, less a \$50 handling charge for cancellations will be granted. Refund requests must be made in writing by *September 30, 2009*. **No refunds will be granted after September 30, 2009.**

### **Conference Disclaimer**

The Center for School Mental Health (CSMH) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine does not endorse or approve any commercial products. While it is usually unnecessary, the CSMH reserves the right to substitute or cancel sessions.

### **American Disabilities Act**

If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, please provide information about your requirements to CSMH (1-888-706-0980) at least 10 business days in advance of this event.



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