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Dear Colleague:

This letter is to invite your organization to exhibit at the upcoming conference, ***School Health Interdisciplinary Program 2009***, scheduled for August 3-6, 2009. Exhibit displays will take place on Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at the Turf Valley Conference Center. We are anticipating approximately 400 participants at this exciting annual conference.

The School Health Interdisciplinary Program (SHIP) is a multifaceted approach to continuing education. This professional development conference will provide intensive training on all of the eight components of coordinated school health, including school health services, health education, nutrition, physical education, family and community involvement, staff wellness, school environment (emotional and environmental) and mental health. The training is a joint endeavor of the Center for School Mental Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine, in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Juvenile Services.

This program includes topics pertinent to the work of pupil services team, school nurses, physicians, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, counselors, health educators, health practitioners, teachers, principals, school educators, and other team members to provide professional development for those who support student success. What makes this professional development conference unique is its focus on *intensive* professional development on topics vital to school health professionals, including mental health, safe schools environment, social skills training, assessment skills updates, nutrition, and adolescent risk behaviors, to name a few. Participants take courses that involve training for 1-3 days. At the completion of the professional development conference, continuing education and professional development credit is earned.

If more information is needed, please feel free to call me or Sylvia Huntley, Training Manager, at 410-706-0981.

Sincerely,

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