

Welcome!

*6th Annual
NM Youth Practitioners Summit
December 3-5, 2008
Hotel Albuquerque*



*Celebrating
Community Voices*

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Welcome From Your Hosts

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2008 Youth Practitioners Summit! We hope that this opportunity for us to come together and share our insights, resources, and passion will help move us forward together towards positive youth development opportunities and outcomes for all New Mexico youth. In turn, these talented and engaged young people are invaluable assets for our communities, now and in the future.

The **New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community** is a statewide network intermediary that acts as both a catalyst and a support to the youth development movement in New Mexico.

The Forum's overarching goals are to:

- Be a *catalyst* for a paradigm shift in New Mexico from a deficits frame to an assets frame.
- Help *build* a broad multi-sectoral *community* of asset builders who are guided by the principles of positive youth development working towards a common set of positive youth outcomes.
- *Support* that community by providing tools, training and technical assistance to move from paradigm shift to sustained quality practice.

By *convening* and *connecting* a broad group of stakeholders and working through *partnerships, practice* and *policy*, we are moving forward together to create *transformative change* in the field of youth development in New Mexico.

The **National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP)** is our co-sponsor for this year's Youth Practitioners Summit. For over 25 years NIYLP has empowered the lives of Native youth through year-round sequenced initiatives and adventure-based learning in area mid schools. **Project Venture** seeks to foster leaders who are culturally sensitive and promote healthy lifestyles as a positive example to future generations.

NIYLP's **Walking in Beauty** and **Táchééh** programs are dedicated to supporting young Native girls and boys in the transition from adolescence to adulthood. The **Laguna Mid-School PV/GK12** program combines PV with UNM's Graduate Teaching program (GK-12) to create an innovative approach to empowering Native youth and their communities. NIYLP was recently selected as the Native American affiliate for **Roots and Shoots, North America**. Created by Dr. Jane Goodall, Roots & Shoots is designed to address issues affecting the environment, animals and the human community.

NIYLP has provided scholarships for youth practitioners under the age of 25 who are participating in this year's summit.



Summit Information

Registration. The Registration Desk is located in the hallway outside Alvarado D&E. Registration begins Wednesday, December 3, at 11:00 AM and will continue throughout the Summit.

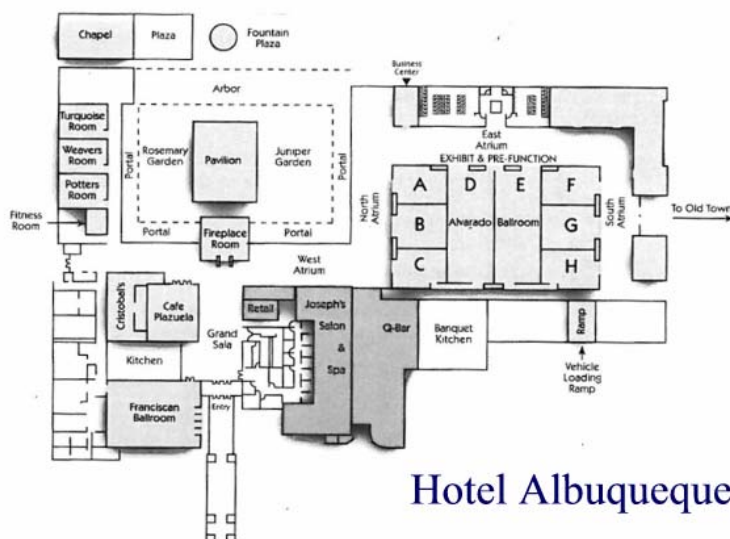
Youth Alliance. The Youth Alliance is a network of 112 young people, representing all of New Mexico's State Legislative Districts. The members of the Youth Alliance meet quarterly to hone their leadership skills, to advise the Governor, Lt. Governor, and NM Children's Cabinet on youth policy issues. The Youth Alliance works with other youth organizing groups in New Mexico to support youth policy at the upcoming Legislative Session. The Youth Alliance is meeting concurrently with the Summit. If you're interested in hearing more about the Youth Alliance, ask one of the members, or Moneka Stevens-Cordova, Youth Alliance Project Director.

Youth Expression Track. This series of workshops, sponsored by The Wellness Coalition, will focus on media literacy and the skills needed to become a youth media activist. Participants will produce short media messages to counter those from large tobacco corporations. Prizes and conference recognition will be awarded to the best messages in a variety of media. If you are under 18 and would like to participate, you must have a copy of the Media Release form, signed by a parent or guardian. For workshop schedules, see page 10-11.

Informal Networking. In addition to a networking lunch on Thursday, we will have space available at various times in the Ballroom (Alvarado D&E) for informal networking.

Resource Tables. Be sure to check out the Resource Tables in the hallways. You will find a wealth of resources and meet interesting people, all working together towards Positive Youth Development in New Mexico.

Evaluation Forms. Please help us continue to improve future summits by filling out a workshop evaluation form for each workshop you attend, as well as an overall summit evaluation form. Completed forms can be left at the back of the workshop room or at the registration table.



Schedule

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

9:00 AM to Noon Pre-Institute: Afterschool Licensing: Why and How — Alvarado F

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Opening Plenary — Alvarado D&E

2:00 PM to 2:15 PM Snack Break

2:15 PM to 3:45 PM Workshops Session 1

- Positive Youth Development 101 — Alvarado A
- Empowering Communities for Positive Change: Undoing Racism – Alvarado F
- Innovative Digital Education & Learning: Virtual Learning in the 21st Century — Alvarado G
- Youth Expression Workshops (see pages 10-11)

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM New Mexico Youth Policy Agenda — Alvarado D&E

The New Mexico Network of Youth Organizers will present their **2009 Youth Policy Agenda** to Summit participants, the Lt. Governor (invited), and the NM Children's Cabinet

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Opening Reception for All—Alvarado D&E

Thursday, December 4, 2008

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast — Alvarado D&E

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Workshops Session 2

- Advocacy Planning for Afterschool — Alvarado A
- Libraries as Partners in Youth Development — Alvarado F
- Gender Issues in Youth Development — Alvarado G
- Community Asset-Mapping — Alvarado H
- Youth Expression Workshops (see pages 10-11)

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM Snack Break

10:45 AM to 12:15 PM Workshops Session 3

- New Technologies for Youth Expression: Blended Zine — Alvarado B
- Youth Entrepreneurship & You! — Alvarado A
- Suicide Prevention For Youth By Youth — Alvarado F
- Active Engagement in Indigenous Territories — Alvarado G
- Radio Voices — Alvarado H
- Youth Expression Workshops (see pages 10-11)

12:15 PM to 12:30 PM Break

Schedule

Thursday, December 4, 2008 (cont.)

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Networking Lunch — Alvarado D&E

1:30 PM to 1:45 PM Break

1:45 PM to 3:15 PM Workshops Session 4

- Gender-Based Programming for Men & Young Boys — Alvarado B
- Youth Councils in New Mexico — Alvarado A
- In-School/Out-of-School Complementary Programming — Alvarado F
- Project Venture Learning Community — Alvarado G
- Higher Education as Community Advocate — Alvarado H
- Youth Expression Workshops (see pages 10-11)

3:15 PM to 3:30 PM Snack Break

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Workshop Session 5

- Green Jobs for the Future — Alvarado A
- Afterschool Sustainability — Alvarado F
- Service-Learning 101 — Alvarado G
- Community-Based Research — Alvarado H
- Youth Expression Workshops (see pages 10-11)

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Youth Showcase Concert: DJs and Hip Hop band — Alvarado D&E

Friday, December 5, 2008

8:00 AM to 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM to 9:45 AM Workshops Session 6

- New Technologies for Youth Expression: MySpace — Alvarado B
- Youth-Led Evaluations — Alvarado A
- Quality Activities and Practices in Afterschool Programs — Alvarado D

9:45 AM to 10:00 AM Break

**10:00 AM to 11:15 AM Closing Plenary: Celebrating Community Voices
Awards, Expressions, Celebrations!**

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Network Lunch Meetings

NM Youth Entrepreneurship Network

VISTA Cadre

NM Youth Alliance

NM Out-of-School Time Network

NM Community Service-Learning Network

NM Youth Violence Prevention Network

Workshop Descriptions

WEDNESDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: 1 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Empowering Communities for Positive Change: An Undoing Racism Workshop – Alvarado A

This workshop is a dialogue that defines "Institutional Racism" and how it impacts racial disparities in health and influences policies that affect our schools and communities. Group exercises will challenge participants to recognize how they have been socialized in regards to issues of class, race, wealth, and poverty. Participants will examine, analyze, and understand the relationship between poverty and race and learn to use the tools and framework provided to plan for change and transformation at the individual and institutional levels through community organizing.

Presenter: Kimberly Ross-Toledo, Program Director, Coalition for Healthy & Resilient Youth

Positive Youth Development 101 – Alvarado F

How can we support a movement in New Mexico towards Positive Youth Development? Review the six basic principles of Positive Youth Development and explore how you can make these come alive in your work with young people.

Presenter: Robyn Kelley, Urban 4-H, Bernalillo County Extension

Innovative Digital Education and Learning: Virtual Learning in the 21st Century - Alvarado G

Come and learn more about the exciting statewide PreK-20 initiative called IDEAL NM. New Mexico is offering eLearning services to bring new and exciting opportunities to students and teachers across the State! Courses and opportunities will be on display and staff available to assist with questions.

Presenters: Virginia S. Padilla Vigil, Academic Services Director, IDEAL NM; and Jamai Blivin, Outreach Director, New Mexico Learning Network

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: 9:00-10:30 AM

Advocacy Planning: Creating a Grassroots Campaign for Results — Alvarado A

Participants will learn the importance of grassroots campaigning, how to create a common voice and make policy changes in local, state and federal governments. Strategies include the "do's and don'ts" of advocacy, how to present an issue as an urgent matter, and persuade those with the decision-making authority to see the issue from your perspective. Hands-on tools and templates will be shared that are used at the federal and state level of this international organization and may be adapted to fit any issue.

Presenter: Paula Hale, Save the Children

Libraries As Partners in Youth Development – Alvarado F

Afterschool and out-of-school time...libraries see the increasing number of children as an opportunity to improve youth and teen services. Libraries have become state-of-the-art facilities that are helping kids and teens become life-long library users in the afterschool hours. How can you partner with your local library? Get your questions answered here.

Presenters: Flo Trujillo, Youth Services Coordinator, Farmington Public Library; David Florez, Farmington Public Library

Gender Issues in Youth Development: What Program Staff Need to Know — Alvarado G

What gender issues affect the informal education and enrichment offered by youth development programs? How do we address the needs for both boys and for girls? What difference does it make when youth development programs are offered in a mixed-sex or single-sex settings? These and other questions will be discussed to increase our awareness of gender issues in youth programming in teen centers, youth development programs and the juvenile justice system.

Presenters: May Sagbakken, Community Planner, Sagbakken Consulting; Kathi Brown, Girls Program Coordinator, NM Commission on the Status of Women

Workshop Descriptions

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Community Asset Mapping: A perspective on realizing the power of our youth!

Community Asset Mapping is a strategy to identify and amplify the assets, resources, and wealth of communities to then inform the programs created to work for positive changes. In this workshop, we will consider the benefits to this approach, focusing on the assets of our youth. Participants will have time to map out the assets of their communities and programs.

Presenters: Shannon Fleg and Anthony Fleg, Native Health Initiative; Kiran Katira, UNM Service Corps

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 3: 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM

New Technologies for Youth Expression: Blended Zine — Alvarado B

Zine is an art and literature magazine for teens by teens distributed to every high school student in San Juan County. *Zine* is promoted, designed, and edited completely by the teen staff. This presentation will address the history and goals of the Blended experiment and explain each step of the process.

Presenters: Jake Mayfield, Zine Editor; Jackson Koewler, Assistant Editor; Paige Brown, Copy Editor; Nick Davee, Productions Director; Farmington Public Library

Youth Entrepreneurship and You! — Alvarado A

This presentation will highlight the best practices of the ENLACE Youth Entrepreneurship Project in northern New Mexico. Learn how over 150 youth and 60 teachers have been trained in the basics of starting youth-run businesses in local schools and communities. Hear from other Youth Entrepreneurship programs in New Mexico.

Presenters: Marcia Brenden, Center for the Education and Study of Diverse Populations, NM Highlands University; Ms. DePaula, Pojoaque Valley HS

Suicide Prevention for Youth by Youth – Alvarado F

Learn what the myths and facts are about suicide and depression. Learn how to notice the signs of suicide and depression and what to do when you know a friend is suicidal. Learn how to start a Natural Helpers program in your school.

Presenters: Shirley and José Villejas, Suicide Prevention Coordinators, and Pojoaque Valley High School Natural Helpers

Active Engagement in Indigenous Territories – Alvarado G

Addressing environmental issues in indigenous territories requires a multi-disciplinary and community-based approach. Indigenous Nations Environmental Youth Alliance (INEYA) employs a multi-disciplinary approach with a commitment to conservation and preservation of culture and natural resources in indigenous territory. The Santa Fe Indian School Community-Based Education Program works in Pueblo Communities applying new and old technologies to community-determined projects in environmental science and agriculture.

Presenters: Kai-T Bluesky, Co-Founder; Jaron Knighten, Kyle Valdez, Sharlayne Melendez, Members, INEYA; Students and staff from the Santa Fe Indian School

Radio Voices — Alvarado H

Participants will listen to youth-produced pieces, conduct interviews, do voice exercises, and participate in youth-led panel discussions for broadcast on Youth Media Project's show on KSFR, 101.1fm. Come ready to tell stories and pose questions concerning how change happens in your community. Youth perspectives and imagination are encouraged.

Presenters: Leah Tatum, Ethan Parrot, Mercedes Downing, Judy Goldberg and Lisa Goldman, Youth Media Project, Santa Fe

Workshop Descriptions

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: 1:45 PM to 3:15 PM

Gender-Based Programming for Boys and Young Men in NM – Alvarado B

This workshop will explore opportunities for programs for boys and young men that go beyond the traditional ones such as sports, Boy Scouts, etc. Examples include non-traditional programming in the state emphasizing masculine rites of passage. Two panelists from the NM Young Fathers Program will present their experiences in working with young fathers, including their own parenting experiences.

Presenters: Paul Golding, Editor, Santa Fe Boys Newsletter; Carlos Balladares and Robert Valencia, Young Fathers Program, NM Teen Pregnancy Coalition.

Youth Councils in New Mexico — Alvarado A

A number of public and community agencies and organizations have formed youth councils to provide authentic youth voice, advice and direction for positive youth development change in their communities. Members also engage in youth- and adult-led community action projects. Panelists will present a range of types of councils operating in New Mexico. Come learn how your community can create and support youth councils.

Panel: Melanie Leeson and Byron Tsabetsaye, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Farmington, NM; Veronica Salcido-Harding, Doña Ana Health Alliance Youth Council; Janeesha Pleasant, Clovis NAACP Youth Council; Bethany Trujillo, NM Youth Alliance. **Moderator:** Moneka Stevens-Cordova, Youth Alliance Project Director

In-School/Out-of-School Complementary Learning – Alvarado F

How can in-school and out-of-school educators forge effective linkages, partnerships, and complementary learning activities so that our young people are "learning all the time?" Our panel of in-school/out-of-school educators and youth will provide their insights and ideas.

Presenters: Patricia Williams, Superintendent, Fort Sumner Schools; Mike Silva, President/Owner, Rio Grande Educational Collaborative; Ed Briggs, Principal, Grant Middle School; Flo Trujillo, Youth Librarian, Farmington Public Library. **Moderator:** Michael Lujan, NM Out-of-School Time Network Director

Project Venture Learning Community — Alvarado G

Practitioners of Project Venture and related programs will share their experiences in enhancing positive youth development. This will be an opportunity for experienced staff to teach and learn from one another, as well as an opportunity for "lookers" to learn more about PV. Youth service staff are invited.

Presenters: McClellan Hall and Neal Ferris, National Indian Youth Leadership Project

Higher Education as a Community Advocate — Alvarado H

This workshop will unpack the ways in which universities have not lived up to their potential as allies and advocates to the people of NM. The workshop will shed light on promising practices at the University of New Mexico, which hopes to change the current direction. Ideas and examples of practice will be shared with opportunity for workshop participants to actively engage in a vision of future ideas for change.

Presenters: Kiran Katira, UNM Service Corps Director; Swechha Singh and Theresa Clark, UNM Community Learning and Public Service

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Green Jobs — Alvarado A

What are green jobs and what does that mean for youth in New Mexico? This workshop will cover background, descriptions, policy issues, personal stories.

Presenters: Sandra McCardell, Green Collar Jobs Coordinator, Regional Development Corporation; Suellen Strahle, Executive Director, Chimayo Youth Conservation Corps; Juan Reynosa, New Mexico Youth Organized

Workshop Descriptions

THURSDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Afterschool Sustainability: Tools, Resources and Techniques to Build Financial, Political and Community Support – Alvarado F

Participants will learn about the current afterschool landscape concerning policy, research and public opinion. From politicians to media to community groups, this workshop will discuss strategies and resources for building strong community relationships that will help in achieving sustainability goals and ultimately ensure widespread support for afterschool programs.

Presenter: Rivka Burstein-Stern, Field Outreach Coordinator, Afterschool Alliance

Service-Learning 101 – Alvarado G

Service-learning is a proven, powerful pedagogy, now required in all NM high schools. This workshop is designed for those new to service-learning and will provide practical tips for developing service-learning curriculum and partnerships. The philosophical foundations of service learning, basic concepts and steps for implementation will be discussed and your questions answered.

Presenters: Jean Kenin, Executive Director, NM Community Education Association; Larry Palmer, Service-Learning Coordinator, Volunteer Center, San Juan College

Community-Based Research — Alvarado H

El Centro de la Raza and the UNM Service Corps are working together to create spaces where university faculty, students and staff can listen, dialog, and learn with and from community members. The partners then identify and document needs and opportunities, design and implement community learning plans using the entire community as a rich context for learning and community improvement. Presenters will share ongoing community-based projects through poster presentations.

Presenters: Students from UNM Service Corps and El Centro de la Raza

FRIDAY

WORKSHOP SESSION 6: 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM

New Technologies for Youth Expression: Social Net — Alvarado B

Have you been wondering about MySpace and other web-based social networking programs? Why are so many young people spending so much time on-line? What are the benefits and potential hazards of online networking services? How can organizations use networking services to target youth? Get answers from a tech-savvy “native.”

Presenter: Meredith Schuh, NM Youth Alliance

Youth Voice in Program Evaluation — Alvarado A

Youth have the right to a voice in the community and in their lives. They also have a right to be actively engaged in the design and evaluation of youth programs. This workshop will discuss the international movement towards ensuring youth participation in evaluation and research and provide examples and materials from Dr. Shumer’s work with young people.

Presenter: Rob Shumer, international consultant in youth-participatory evaluation, University of Minnesota

Quality Activities and Practices in After School Programs – Alvarado Room D

This session will provide demonstrations, hands-on activities, and handouts on some best practices developed through years of program implementation. Participants will rotate through activity and information “booths” focused on providing practical skills around: Hands-on Math; Art and Social Justice; Making the Parent Connection; Graffiti Wall and Literacy; Site Management; Icebreakers; and Guidance and Discipline.

Presenters: Veronica Apodaca, Dennis Aragon, Dianne Kinabrew, Maria Marquez, Jay Tillman, Daphne Harvey Strader; Albuquerque Community Learning Centers Project, Albuquerque Public Schools.

Youth Expression Workshop Descriptions

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All Youth Expression Workshops begin in Alvarado C

WEDNESDAY

Media Literacy 1

In this workshop participants will learn the techniques that ad agencies and corporations use to sell their products. They will learn how to deconstruct media to get down to the “real message.” This is a basic media literacy class providing tools for students to create effective counter tobacco media.

Presenters: The New Mexico Media Literacy Project

Print Media 1

Participants will discuss and examine samples of different kinds of print media that are prevalent in the world, from newspapers to street art. They will then take their knowledge from Media Literacy 101 and create counter ads for popular tobacco campaigns. All counter ads will be submitted to our youth magazine to be published in the next issue.

Presenter: Damien Davies

Slam 1

Slam is a competition in which contestants present original work that is three minutes long. Through a series of exercises, participants will learn how to create slam poetry for the stage, then take these techniques to tell their story about how tobacco has affected them. All pieces will be submitted to be published in a Poetry Summit Chapbook, recorded onto video to create Web Shorts and also performed live at the Summit.

Presenters: Joe Romero, ABQ youth Poet and Youth Poet Organizer; Ken Rodriguez, 2005 national champ, 2008 coach for Silver City’s semifinalist team

Video 1

Participants will discuss video as a form of media and create “shorts,” three-minute videos aimed at exposing big tobacco lies using the same principles as a counter ad for print media.

Presenters: Sam Castello, Silver City slam poet, Executive Director, The Wellness Coalition

Youth Expression Workshop Descriptions

THURSDAY

Media Literacy 2

This Workshop will be a continuation of Media Literacy 101 and will go into more advanced techniques for deconstructing ads and creating counter media.

Presenters: The New Mexico Media Literacy Project

Print Media 2

Participants will discuss alternative print media in depth, addressing the concept of media as a virus, how street art plays into this concept, and why it is so effective for spreading a message. Participants will break into groups. One group will create and use stencils to spread information on tobacco. The other group will use Adobe Photoshop to create their own T-shirt designs. The best design will be used as a part of our campaign. All media will be showcased at the final showcase.

Presenter: Damien Davies

Slam 2

In this workshop participants will be taking their written work and preparing to use it in a slam competition. Instructors will give a bonsai-coaching workshop. There will be a final slam in which students will compete for prizes. The Slam will be videotaped, and participants who are willing will have their videos submitted to our multimedia site.

Presenters: Joe Romero, ABQ youth Poet and Youth Poet Organizer; Hakim Bellamy, local slam poet, 2005 National Champion; Aaron Cuffee, local slam poet, 2005 National Champion, three time College Champion.

Video 2

Participants will use Adobe Premiere to edit their footage and add soundtracks to their videos. By the end of this workshop participants will have complete videos to be shown at the final showcase and closing plenary session. **Presenters:** Sam Castello, Executive Director, The Wellness Coalition; Bart Brown and Travis Lewis, AmeriCorps members, Satellite Youth Space

Print Media 3

A continuation of Print media 1 and 2, participants will continue working on designs.

Presenter: Damien Davies

Recording session

Participants will have the chance to record their pieces and general thoughts and shout-outs through audio and video recording. We will also be recording a Haiku Session.

Look for guest poets appearing throughout the Summit.

Schedule At a Glance

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Opening Plenary
2:00 PM to 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM to 3:45 PM	Workshop Session 1
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	New Mexico Youth Policy Agenda
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Opening Reception for All

Thursday, December 4, 2008

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Workshop Session 2
10:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	Workshop Session 3
12:15 PM to 12:30 PM	Break
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch
1:30 PM to 1:45 PM	Break
1:45 PM to 3:15 PM	Workshop Session 4
3:15 PM to 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Workshop Session 5
Evening	Dinner on Your Own
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Youth Showcase Concert

Friday, December 5, 2008

8:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM to 9:45 AM	Workshop Session 6
9:45 AM to 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM to 11:15 AM	Closing Plenary: Celebrating Community Voices
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Network Lunch Meetings