

Presentations on Child Abuse and Culture
Sponsored by The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare

You are invited to two presentations sponsored by the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on **November 5 and 6, 2007**. Both are made possible by a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, and are free and open to the public. The speaker will be Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes, author of *Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families* (2005, Guilford Press). She edited "*Sexual Abuse in Nine North American Cultures: Treatment and Prevention*," published by Sage, and has written numerous journal articles and book chapters on cultural issues in child maltreatment and violence against women, on cross-cultural research, and ethical issues in research. **To register, please email Heidi Wagner at hwagner@umn.edu by October 26.**

When: November 5, 2007

8:30am-12:30pm

Where: ITV Locations:

University of Minnesota, St. Paul
Chisago County
Kandiyohi County
Polk County
Winona County

When: November 6, 2007

9:00am-12:00pm

Where: Cowles Auditorium

Hubert Humphrey Center
University of Minnesota, West Bank 301 19th Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

On **November 5**, 8:30am-12:30pm, Dr. Fontes will speak on "**Interviewing Diverse Children and Families about Maltreatment**", which she describes as "participants will learn to question diverse children and their families about suspected child maltreatment while minimizing cultural misunderstanding." Examples will be drawn from a variety of immigrant and ethnic minority groups. The information is relevant to child protection workers, law enforcement personnel, forensic interviewers, and others. Following the presentation, a panel of social workers will respond and add comments from their experiences working in diverse communities. The workshop will be broadcast via ITV from Peters Hall to four sites in greater Minnesota and web-streamed. Three hours of social work CEHs will be available for those who participate. The human services community is invited to join us in the ITV room in Peters Hall at 8:30 am on November 5th for this presentation.

On **November 6**, Dr. Fontes will speak on "**From Cultural Competence to Social Justice**", 9:00am-12:00pm in the Cowles Auditorium of the Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota. Her presentation will be followed by a panel of responders who will address the issues raised, which include the larger systemic changes needed to serve culturally diverse families in ways that are helpful, unbiased and fair. Three hours of social work CEHs will be available to participants.

Featured Presenter

Lisa Fontes has worked as a family, individual, and group therapist in a variety of settings, including managed care, emergency services, and protective outreach services, and has conducted research in Santiago, Chile, and with Puerto Ricans, African Americans, and European Americans in the United States. Dr. Fontes is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's degree from Columbia School of Journalism. She is a popular conference speaker and workshop facilitator for diverse groups of professionals and parents. She has recently written *Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families*. Dr. Fontes is the editor of *Sexual Abuse in Nine North American Cultures: Treatment and Prevention* and has written numerous journal articles and chapters on cultural issues in child maltreatment and violence against women, cross-cultural research, and ethical issues in research. She is a Core Faculty Member in Union Institute & University's Psy.D. Program in Clinical Psychology. For more information go to: www.lisafontes.com