

P'alante - Moving Forward: A Call to Action

“Promoting and Supporting Leadership to Strengthen our Latino Community”

A Conference by the Latino Social Work Task Force



Monday, October 17, 2011

8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus
Graduate School of Social Service, Pope Auditorium
113 West 60th St., NYC**

Aims of the Conference

The conference seeks to identify the policy issues confronting the Latino (our) community and the approaches that need to be taken in response to those needs. This includes challenges within the social work workforce to have culturally and linguistically competent professionals. This also includes the impact of policy reforms and restructuring on individual providers and not-for-profit agencies, educational institutions, as well as on Medicaid and mental health.

We plan to address the implications of social work licensing on social workers for whom English is a second language. Of central importance to this conference will be the need for collaborations involving our communities, the social work profession and academia, agencies, foundations and government in order to move forward.

For registration: fax or send registration form or go to www.prfi.org and click Latino Social Work Task Force on the lower left side. Cost is \$65 and \$15 for Students and Seniors (with IDs), which includes breakfast and lunch.

Keynote: **Ms. Carmen Nazario**
United States Representative, Executive Board of the United Nations
Children's Fund (UNICEF), Assistant Professor, Inter American University
of Puerto Rico School of Social Work

AM Presenter: **Dr. Carmen Ortiz Hendricks**
Interim Dean and Professor
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

Forum I Approaches to Social Welfare in Challenging Times (Confirmed Presenters/Panelist include):

Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, MS, LMSW
Commissioner, New York State Office of
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Iran Rodriguez Regional Program Manager
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Head Start, NY Regional Office

Councilwoman Rosie Mendez
New York City District 2

Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito (Invited)
New York City, Council District 8

Esteban Ramos, MSW
Executive Director (LSWTF Scholarship Alumni)
Fresh Youth Initiatives

Denise Rosario, ACSW
Executive Director
Coalition for Hispanic Family Services

Phillip A. Sapiera, MAT
Executive Director
Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health Agencies

Luncheon Speakers: **Congressman Ed Towns**, New York, 10th District
(Invited) Chairman, Congressional Social Work Caucus

Moderator: **Dr. Robert Schachter**, Executive Director, NASW NYC Chapter

Presenter: **Hon. Edwina G. Richardson-Mendelson**
Administrative Judge
New York City Family Court

Forum II Policy and Advocacy

Assemblyman Felix Ortiz
New York State Assembly District 51
Chair, Committee on Mental Health

Angelo Falcón
President, National Institute for Latino Policy (NILP)

Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW
Executive Director, National Resource Center for
Hispanic Mental Health; Deputy Director,
New Jersey Mental Health Institute; and
Chair, Alliance for Latino Mental Health
Workforce Development

Suleika Cabrera Drinane, MSW
Executive Director, Institute for the Puerto Rican
and Hispanic Elderly

Shyonne Noboa, MSW (LSWTF Scholarship Alumni)
Social Work Coordinator, Senior Services
Hamilton Madison House

Forum III Educational Leadership

Dr. Sheldon Gelman
Professor, Yeshiva University,
Wurzweiler School of Social Work

Dr. Andrew Safyer
Dean, Adelphi University
School of Social Work

Dr. Jacqueline Mondros
Dean, Hunter College
School of Social Work

Dr. Jeanette Takamura
Dean, Columbia University
School of Social Work

Dr. Norma Phillips
Chair, Lehman College,
Department of Social Work

Dr. Lynn Videka
Dean, New York University
Silver School of Social Work

Dr. Peter B. Vaughan
Dean, Fordham University
Graduate School of Social Service

Town Hall: Is There Light at the Other End of the Tunnel? A Call to Action

Moderator: **Jose Nazario, LMSW**
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Coalition for Hispanic Family Services

Audience Participation, Recommendations and Ideas for the Latino Social Work
Task Force.

--Promoting Social Work Leadership--

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Registration Form

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Zip Code _____

Agency/School: _____

- Conference Ticket:** Individual - \$65 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Student or Seniors \$15 x Qty _____ = \$ _____ with copy of ID
Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Send Check (and ID) to: LSWTF Conference
c/o Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc.
145 West 15th St.
New York, NY 10011

- Sponsorship Table:** Cost is \$1,500 per table (Limited Number of Tables)
Tables will be placed along the Auditorium for interaction in
between conference agenda.

Table Cost - \$ _____
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(i.e., Agency, Job Opportunities, Social
Services, Books, etc.)

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Fax to: 212-691-5635
Attention: LSWTF Conference

Deadline for Conference Registration or Sponsorship Tables: **Monday, October 10, 2011**
For more information email iquervalu@prfi.org or 646-695-6602