

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Complete the attached registration form and send it with payment to the Maryland Children's Alliance, PO Box 1112, Bel Air, MD 21014 or fax your registration to 410-876-1945. Participants will not receive a letter of confirmation, rather if the registration is full the participant will receive a letter indicating their wait-list status. You may request confirmation by sending an email to lmeyers@mdcha.org.

To register online please visit our website at www.mdcha.org and follow the conference icons. When registering online you may pay by credit card only. A confirmation will be sent via email.

One day registration is available for a reduced cost: Registration for one day of the conference is available for a fee of \$125.00. Your registration fee for one day will include a continental breakfast. Please indicate which one day you will be attending on the registration form.

On site registration is allowed at the conference. Only credit cards, checks, and money orders payable to Maryland Children's Alliance will be accepted at on-site registration.

REGISTRATION TIMES

Registration will begin on Wednesday, October 28, at 7:30 am and will remain open during the entire conference. All information can be obtained at the Information Desk.

LOCATION

This year's conference will be held on the sandy beaches of Ocean City, Maryland at the beautiful Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel and Conference Center, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. The conference rate for lodging is 105.00 + tax. A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants who mention they are attending the Mid Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect. Please make reservations directly with the hotel at 1-800-638-2100.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Social Worker ceu's will be offered, and credit will be awarded upon full day participation of the conference. Partial credit will not be awarded; later arrivals or early departures will preclude awarding of ceu credits. Social workers must request ceu's at the time of registration. The cost for ceu's is \$25.

Please check our website for updated information regarding credits for law enforcement, nursing, psychology and other disciplines.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are unable to attend the conference you are welcome to send a

substitute, however you must notify us prior to the conference date. On site substitutions will not be permitted. Please email lmeyers@mdcha.org or call 410-877-5376 requesting the change. If canceling you must do so in writing by September 30, 2009. You will receive a full refund minus a \$50 administrative fee. **If you cancel after September 30, 2009 or do not attend the conference you are responsible for the entire registration fee.**

MEALS

Included in the registration fee is a continental breakfast. Lunches will be on your own and there are many fine restaurants available in the Ocean City area.

SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH CAROLYN JESSOP AUTHOR OF THE BOOK *ESCAPE*

There will be a special Luncheon on Thursday, October 29, 2009 featuring Guest Speaker Carolyn Jessop. Carolyn was coerced at 18-years-old into marrying a stranger who was 32 years her senior and already had three wives, Jessop lived a life of misery and fear. Over the next 15 years, Carolyn had eight children and withstood her husband's psychological abuse and the watchful eyes of his other wives until she made the decision to escape. She risked everything; knowing that her children would be taken away from her and she would probably be declared mentally unstable and sent to an institution if caught. Still, Jessop chose freedom over fear and fled with her eight children and only \$20 to her name. Please come and hear this compelling speaker. Cost of the Luncheon is only \$40.

BACK TO THE BEACH PARTY LUAU

Please join us for our second annual Back to the Beach Party Luau, Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm. This will be a relaxing time to dance, eat, drink and have fun while helping to raise needed funds for Maryland Children's Alliance. Tickets will be on sale for \$35 dollars and will include beer, wine, soda, food and a dj. There will also be a silent auction and many door prizes to give away.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Please forward your questions or special needs to Laurie Meyers at lmeyers@mdcha.org or call 410-877-5376.

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Visit our website at www.mdcha.org for complete workshop descriptions and faculty biographical information.

AIRPORTS

Salisbury/Ocean City Regional 40 min./29 mi.
Baltimore/Washington Int'l 3 hr./128 mi.
Washington Dulles Int'l Airport 4 hr./166 mi.