

## School of the 21st Century National Conference

A leadership and staff development conference for Schools of the 21st Century, Family Resource Centers, School-Age Programs, Community Schools, and other school-based family support programs.

### Special Sessions on:

- early care and education
- school-age care
- program evaluation
- health and nutrition
- parent involvement
- leadership
- mental health in preschools
- emotional literacy
- closing the achievement gap
- transition from preschool to kindergarten
- cultural diversity



### CONNECT

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind conference that brings together people who share your commitment to improving outcomes for children.

### RELATE

Network with others committed to making schools responsive to the needs of children and families.

### LINK

Choose from almost 40 sessions that tie research to everyday practice and provide tools to enhance every aspect of program development, administration, and evaluation.

### LEARN

Experts and practitioners will present updates in the policy arena as well as provide tools to help parents become involved and engaged in their children's education. Hear about cutting edge research that can enhance student academic achievement and behavior and acquire knowledge to effectively advocate for your program.

School of the 21st Century/Yale University  
Edward Zigler Center  
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### What is the School of the 21st Century?

The School of the 21st Century (21C) is a community school model that incorporates early childhood programs, after-school care, and other family support services designed to promote the optimal growth and development of children beginning at birth. Known as Family Resource Centers (FRC) in some communities, 21C has proven successful in urban, rural, and suburban areas, as well as in affluent, middle class, and poor communities. In many schools, 21C serves as an umbrella for an expanded array of programs, including adult education, youth development programs, health, and social services. 21C transforms traditional schools into year-round, multi-service centers. For more information on 21C, please contact us at: [yale21c@yale.edu](mailto:yale21c@yale.edu).

**Registration deadline is July 3, 2008**  
**Discounted rates end June 20, 2008**

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*Where It All Comes Together!*

**A LEADERSHIP AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE  
YALE UNIVERSITY**

**July 14–16, 2008**

The Omni New Haven Hotel · New Haven, CT



### Who Should Attend

program directors · principals · superintendents · early childhood educators  
preschool/school-age/middle childhood coordinators/directors · parent  
educators · school board members · education advocates · program staff  
and administrators in districts providing school-based child care and family  
support programs · community members seeking to enhance early care and  
education in their communities · researchers and reporters writing about  
education, children, or family issues



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## CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

This is a preliminary schedule, subject to change.

Please see our website: [www.yale.edu/21c/200821ccconference.html](http://www.yale.edu/21c/200821ccconference.html) for updates.

MONDAY, JULY 14	
7:00–7:30 AM	Early Morning Walk
7:30–8:30 AM	Breakfast/Registration
8:30–9:20 AM	Welcome Address
9:30–10:20 AM	Seminar Sessions
10:20–10:30 AM	Break
10:30–11:50 AM	Concurrent Sessions
12:00–1:20 PM	Lunch
1:30–2:50 PM	Concurrent Sessions
2:50–3:00 PM	Break
3:00–4:20 PM	Concurrent Sessions
4:45 PM	Yale Tour

TUESDAY, JULY 15	
7:00–7:30 AM	Early Morning Walk
7:30–8:30 AM	Breakfast/Registration
8:30–9:20 AM	Keynote Address
9:30–10:20 AM	Seminar Sessions
10:20–10:30 AM	Break
10:30–11:50 AM	Concurrent Sessions
12:00–1:20 PM	Lunch
1:30–2:50 PM	Concurrent Sessions
2:50–3:00 PM	Break
3:00–4:20 PM	Concurrent Sessions
4:45 PM	Yale Tour

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16	
7:00–7:30 AM	Early Morning Walk
7:30–8:30 AM	Coffee/Registration
8:30–9:50 AM	Panel/ Concurrent Sessions
10:00–12:00 PM	Brunch Buffet Plenary Panel

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

**Edward Zigler**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Yale, one of the founders of Head Start, and founder of the School of the 21st Century, will present the Welcome Address on *School of the 21st Century: Its Conceptual Roots and Implementation*.

**Jack Shonkoff**, Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor in Child Health and Development and Director of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, will give the Keynote Address on *Brain Development and Education: Closing the Gap Between What We Know and What We Do to Promote Optimal Learning, Behavior, and Health*. His presentation will highlight findings from brain research in the early years and beyond, during middle childhood, and how it can be used to direct programs and effective interventions.

**Tony Berkley**, Program Director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will speak on *Transition and Alignment in Community Perspective*, discussing the importance of a seamless transition between early education and the early elemen-

tary years as a key to school success. He will include lessons learned from the foundation's SPARK initiative (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), discuss the recent authorization of P-16 Councils, and make the point that the 21C Network and SPARK can provide the context necessary to make research and policy prescriptions meaningful to ensure success.

**Josh Starr**, Superintendent, Stamford Public Schools in CT, will speak on *Parent Engagement: The View from Central Office*, describing his district's unique parent involvement effort, his perspectives on its impact, and lessons learned.

**Walter Gilliam**, Director of The Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale, will present on *Mental Health Consultation in Preschool: Outcomes and Benefits*.

**Marlene Schwartz**, Deputy Director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale, will give a seminar on *The Link Between School Wellness Policies and Nutrition*, looking at best practices and research showing school policies and the environment's impact on preschool

and school-age students' nutrition and activity levels.

**Jim Hinson**, Superintendent, Independence Public Schools in MO, will lead a panel discussion on *A Message to the Next President*, in which Sherece West, President and CEO of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, and educational leaders will provide their views on what will be needed in the next four years.

**Marc Brackett**, Research Scientist at Yale, will be back by popular demand to present on *Emotional Literacy in the Classroom*. Recent studies underscore the critical role of emotional development and emotional skills, but in practice we lag far behind. Marc will show how emotions affect achievement and how emotional literacy training can help schools achieve national academic goals and state standards.

**Ann Levett**, Executive Director of the School Development Program at Yale, will present an interactive session that will address best practices in student support systems, school organization and culture, challenging standards

and curriculum, active teaching and learning, leadership, and school-family-community partnerships.

**Jerry Cutts**, President and Chief Executive Director of First Children's Finance, will moderate a panel on *Private/Public Partnerships* with chief executive officers representing the business community, foundation leaders, and government officials, discussing financial strategies for program support. **Tony Berkley** will moderate a panel on *Investing in Children: States Perspective* with state agency leaders from Connecticut, Kentucky, and Arkansas, focusing on the state's role in program development and sustainability.

Also included will be more than 30 breakout sessions on evaluation strategies, school-age care, parent-savvy schools, and other topics. Visit [www.yale.edu/21c/200821ccconference.html](http://www.yale.edu/21c/200821ccconference.html) for a full list of topics.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Explore Stepping Stones Museum for Children  
Sunday  
6:00–10:00 PM



Learning and fun go hand-in-hand at Stepping Stones. Come see exhibits and educational programs that expand a child's world by engaging them in fun, playful exploration. This trip requires pre-registration. Bus transportation, entrance to the museum, refreshments, and snacks will be provided for \$40 per person. A minimum of 30 people is required.

Early Morning Walk on the New Haven Green  
Monday–Wednesday  
7:00–7:30 AM



Join us for a brisk early morning walk on a 17th century town green, cited by numerous historical organizations as one of the most beautiful public greens in the country. Get energized for a busy conference day. No registration is required. No charge for conference participants.

Walking Tour of Yale Campus  
Monday–Tuesday  
4:45–6:00 PM



Take a guided walking tour of the historic Yale Campus to learn many stories associated with this famed institution. No registration is required. No charge for conference participants.

## CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Conference will be held at The Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale. This hotel is located in the center of New Haven, CT, where the university's historic buildings—housing dorms, museums, and libraries—stand among a host of restaurants, theaters, and the New Haven Green, featuring famous festivals. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Omni and the New Haven Hotel. When making reservations, identify yourself as a participant in the "Yale University School of the 21st Century Conference" to receive a discounted rate. A limited number of rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve early—rooms have sold out in recent years. For details on airport and train access to the conference and other travel information, please see our website: <http://www.yale.edu/21c/200821ccconference.html>.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale**  
155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT 06510  
Phone: 203.772.6664; Fax: 203.974.6777  
Discounted rates: \$121 Single/Double  
Must be booked by June 20th, 2008.

**New Haven Hotel**  
(within walking distance of the Omni)  
229 George Street, New Haven, CT 06510  
Phone: 800.NH-Hotel; Fax: 203.498.0911  
Discounted rates: \$119 Single/Double  
Must be booked by June 20th, 2008.

Please see [www.omninewhaven.com](http://www.omninewhaven.com) and [www.newhavenhotel.com](http://www.newhavenhotel.com) for directions and parking information.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Duplicate this form for each registrant. Registration forms must be received by July 3, 2008.

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
JOB TITLE			
SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION			
WORK ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
PHONE		FAX	
EMAIL (MUST INCLUDE EMAIL FOR CONFIRMATION)			

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Indicate Which Days You Will Attend

Monday, July 14, 2008  Tuesday, July 15, 2008  Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Indicate If You Will Attend

Sunday, July 13, 2008 – Stepping Stones Museum \$40

REGISTRATION RATES (Includes all sessions and daytime meals)

Super Early Bird	Postmarked by May 15th	\$300
Early Bird	Postmarked by June 15th	\$375
Regular	Postmarked after June 15th	\$450
Proposal Presenter		\$200
Daily Rate		\$200

PAYMENT

Conference Registration	\$ _____
Special Event	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check the type of payment enclosed)

Check (made payable to Yale University)  Purchase order # \_\_\_\_\_ (must include signed PO)  
 Credit Card (Visa & MasterCard only!)  Visa  MasterCard

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CANCELLATIONS must be received in writing and will be subject to a \$50 processing fee. Substitutions are allowed. No refunds will be given after July 3, 2008.

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