



## Children's Defense Fund Emerging Leaders® Project

### **Advanced Training Agenda April 24-26, 2008 Washington, DC**

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All sessions and meals except otherwise noted will be organized at CDF's Headquarters at  
25 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

#### **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Dinner Reception**

#### **Welcome and Participant Introductions**

*Karen Lashman, Vice President of Policy, Children's Defense Fund*

[The Washington Court Hotel,](#)

525 New Jersey Ave, NW. Washington, DC 20001

#### **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Breakfast/Registration**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

#### **Agenda and Training Goals Overview**

[Jana Martella, Executive Director, NAECS/SDE,](#) *meeting moderator*

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

#### **An Update from the Participants**

*Jana Martella, facilitator*

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

#### **An Update from the Hill**

*Ruth Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Education Policy Advisor,*

[House Committee on Education & Labor](#)

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Break**

10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

#### **Using Evidence-based Research for Guiding Policymakers**

[Helene Stebbins, HMS Consulting, and Author, Improving the Odds](#)

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- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Building Successful Coalitions in Child Advocacy**  
*[Barbara Best, CDF Texas Executive Director](#)*
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **2009 Budget and Appropriations for Early Childhood Programs**  
*[Adele Robinson, Associate Executive Director of Policy & Public Affairs, National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **An Update from the Hill - Session Continued**  
*[Roberto Rodriguez, Senior Education Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions](#)*
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Trends in Early Childhood Development Policy and Leadership**  
*[Thomas Schulz, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Council of Chief State School Officers](#)*  
*[Stacie Goffin, author Ready or Not: Leadership Choices in Early Care and Education](#)*
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. **Closing**
- 5:10 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Break**  
Please meet in the Washington Court Hotel lobby at 5:45 to walk to dinner.
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Dinner**  
Rosa Mexicano  
575 7th Street at F Street NW  
Washington, DC, 20004  
Tel. (202) 783-5522

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Focus Group Discussion:**  
**Assessment of the Emerging Leaders Project and Fellows Needs. Part 1.**  
*Jana Martella and Stacie Goffin -- focus group moderators*
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

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- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Cradle to Prison Pipeline**  
*Natacha Blain, Lead Strategic Advisor for the Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Campaign, Children’s Defense Fund, Washington DC*
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.      **Focus Group Discussion:  
Assessment of the Emerging Leaders Project and Fellows Needs.  
Part 2.**  
*Jana Martella, focus group moderator*
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      **Training Evaluation and Closing**  
*Karen Lashman*
- Free evening