

# **Ohio Healthy Relationship Conference**

## **April 22 and 23, 2010**

### **Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus Ohio**

The Ohio Healthy Relationships Conference is scheduled for April 22 and 23 in Columbus, Ohio. The focus of this event is “Matters of the Heart.” The conference will bring together leading partners from across the state to share information that will make their individual organizations stronger, learn about Best Practices in relationship building and counseling, and share resources, knowledge and skills.

The Ohio Healthy Marriage Coalition, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, Ohio Adolescent Health Association, and other key partners in the conference will address all types of relationships. Tracks include fatherhood, marriage, health risk education and at-risk youth/parenting.

The two-day event will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in downtown Columbus. (For room rates and details, see the attached registration form.) Conference organizers are offering a special scholarship rate of \$99 to the first 350 registrants. This reduced fee is offered on a first-come, first-served basis and includes meals at events, parking and all workshops. After the 350 slots are filled, registration is \$140 for all events.

The Ohio Healthy Marriage Coalition was formed in 2006 and is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. It has provided domestic violence prevention training through ODVN and provided train-the-trainers on federally recognized marriage counseling curriculums. One of the coalition’s greatest assets is the opportunity it provides partners to share information.

## **Confirmed presenters as of February 24 include:**

### **April 22**

#### **Keynote Speakers**

- David Mahan from Frontline Youth Communications
- Rep. Marian Harris (D-Columbus)

#### **Fatherhood**

- J. Tracy Robinson, Executive Director, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Burl Lemon and James McDonald, Forever Dads in Zanesville, Ohio
- Glenn Harris, Father 2 Father, Columbus Urban League will speak on Fatherhood in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## **Health Risk Education**

- Ohio Adolescent Health Association members
- David Mahan, Frontline Youth Communications
- Krystal Preston, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

## **Marriage**

- Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
- Tiqua Davis, Power of One healthy Marriage Initiative
- Dr. Susan L. Brown, Bowling Green State University's National Center for Family and Marriage Research

## **At Risk Youth/Parenting**

- Daryl and John Hersh, OZER Ministries in Columbiana County.
- Rachel Ramirez, ODVN
- Teresa Varian, Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency

## **April 23**

### **Keynote Speakers**

- Nisa Islam Muhammad, Wedded Bliss Foundation
- Calvin Murry, former OSU football MVP and youth advocate

### **Fatherhood**

- Harold Howard, Talbert House
- Tim Boehnlein, Domestic Violence Center of Greater Cleveland and Steve Killpack, Community Endeavors Foundation in Cleveland
- Ron and Catherine Tijerina from The Ridge Project in Defiance, Ohio

### **Health Risk Education**

- James Grenfell, AWARE, Vancouver, Washington

### **Marriage**

- Avis Files, First Church of God Social Outreach Ministries
- John Garner, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency
- Jason Carthen, Redeemer Management LLC

### **At Risk Youth/Parenting**

- Chaplin PJ Banks-Anderson, National Restoration to Military Families
- Anne Sparks, Ohio University
- Tahira Butler, Community Action Council of Portage County