

Summit County
Making a Difference...
Human Services Forum

Wednesday, October 11th

The University of Akron, Student Union
303 Carroll Street, Akron, Ohio 44325



James B. McCarthy
Executive

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) and I would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual Summit County *Making a Difference* Human Services Forum at the University of Akron on Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

This year we welcome Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General under former President Bill Clinton, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Elders will be addressing critical health care issues including health care disparities that the **Summit 2010 Project** has shown impact our own local community.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the *Making a Difference* Human Services Forum in 2004 and 2005, we have expanded the format this year to include three breakout sessions with eight choices of key topics from local experts. The new University of Akron Dean of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Ronald F. Levant, will present a timely message on fathering at the morning plenary session. In addition, I am pleased to continue to update you on the progress of the **Summit 2010: A Quality of Life Project** and again have the pleasure of awarding the Annual *Making a Difference* awards.

I hope to see you on October 11 and thank you for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

James B. McCarthy
Executive, County of Summit



2006 Registration Packet

INCLUDES:
Registration Forms

Forum/Luncheon
(Due September 22nd)

Breakout Sessions
(Due September 22nd)

Display Tables/Sponsorships
(Due September 22nd)

Nomination Form
(Due September 13th)

FORUM AGENDA

Registration/Continental Breakfast
7:30 – 8:00 am

Plenary Session
*Dr. Ronald F. Levant, Dean of Arts & Sciences
The University of Akron*

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakout Session 1
9:15 – 10:15 am

Breakout Session 2
10:30 – 11:30 am

Luncheon & Making a Difference Awards
11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Keynote Speaker
12:30 – 1:30 pm

Breakout Session 3
1:45 – 2:45 pm

Keynote Speaker

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders

Former U.S. Surgeon General, and the first African American woman to hold that post, Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders is the eldest of eight children. Now a Distinguished Professor of Public Health at the University of Arkansas, she never saw a physician prior to her first year in college. At the age of fifteen, she received a scholarship from the United Methodist Church to attend Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, AR. Upon graduation at age 18, she entered the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant where she received training as a physical therapist.



Dr. Elders attended the University of Arkansas Medical School (UAMS) on the G.I. Bill. After graduation in 1960, she was an intern at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis and did a pediatric residency and an endocrinology fellowship at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. She ascended the academic ladder to full professorship after her fellowship and board certification in 1976. She also holds a master of science degree in biochemistry.

Dr. Elders joined the faculty at UAMS as a professor of pediatrics and received board certification as a pediatric endocrinologist in 1978. Based on her studies of growth in children and the treatment of hormone related illnesses, she has written many articles for medical research publications. She was appointed Director of the Arkansas Department of Health in October, 1987. While serving as director, she was elected president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers.

Nominated as Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service by President Clinton in July of 1993, she was confirmed by the Senate on September 7, and sworn in on September 8. During the Senate hearings on her confirmation, Dr. Elders stated "I want to change the way we think about health by putting prevention first. I want to be the voice and vision of the poor and powerless. I want to change concern about social problems that affect health into commitment. And I would like to make every child born in America a wanted child".

Dr. Elders has been active in civic affairs as a member of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Northside YMCA and Youth Homes. She was listed in "100 Outstanding Women in Arkansas", "Personalities of the South" and "Distinguished Women in America". She has won awards such as the Arkansas Democrat's Woman of the Year, the National Governor's Association Distinguished Service Award, the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Candace Award for Health Science.

For more information on this Speaker/Performer please visit www.apbspeakers.com

Forum Breakout T

Eight breakout sessions will be offered at 9:15 - 10:15 am,

Plenary Session Speaker

Dr. Ronald F. Levant, holds a B.A. in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley; an Ed. D. in clinical psychology and public practice from Harvard University; and an M.B.A. in general management from Boston University. Foremost authority on the psychology of men and masculinity, Dr. Levant conducts research on fathering and masculinity ideology in a multicultural perspective. He has authored and co-authored, edited or co-edited over 300 publications, including 14 books, over 150 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and numerous newsletter columns.

Topics & Session Descriptions

Local Ex-Offender Initiatives

Working Effectively with Offenders in a Community Setting

Speakers: Judge Patricia Cosgrove, Bernie Rochford, JD, James Dowdell

Session Description: Ohio has become a leader in evidence-based community corrections programs. Summit County is recognized as one of the best counties in Ohio for innovative programs and an active and involved judiciary. The three panelists will give their views on how to effectively work with offenders in the community and present local opportunities for participants to get involved in the re-entry process.

Housing Affordability

Providing Housing to Financially Challenged Clients

Speakers: Anthony W. O'Leary, Warren R. Walfish (2 sessions) and Sara Leedham (1 session), Ken Stapleton

Session Description: Housing affordability will be addressed from multi-faceted viewpoints: an historical perspective on public housing and new efforts to use public housing programs to encourage reinvestment in neighborhoods; myths about low income housing; the increase in the number of applicants who are denied assistance; the increase in housing foreclosure and its affect on housing affordability; an overview of University Park and its challenges and opportunities with particular emphasis on housing quality and affordable housing, including the University Park Alliance outreach efforts; and, finally, a look at how housing rehabilitation programs can be used to become an effective tool in the production of affordable housing.

Topics & Session Descriptions

10:30 - 11:30 am, and 1:45 - 2:45 pm. (With the exception of the sessions marked with an asterisk*)

Organizational Cultural Competency

Building Cultural Bridges that Make a Difference

Speaker: Devi Gursahaney

Session Description: Is it possible to offer competent services cross-culturally without basic knowledge and understanding about the people one hopes to serve? Please join Devi Gursahaney in this interactive session to find answers to this question and learn ways to provide excellent service to clients from different cultures. Through anecdotes, personal experiences and real-world examples, Devi will provide you with basic principles and skills necessary to lay a foundation for becoming culturally competent professionals.

Access to Health

Facing the Challenge of Health Care Access

Speakers: Joyce Tate, Marsha Schofield, Ken Jones, Ann Amer Brennan

Session Description: This session will explore various and unique initiatives in Summit County designed to expand access to health care services to vulnerable populations, including Healthy Connections' Access to Care program, Akron Community Health Resources and its dental clinic, the ExecutiveMED program, and initiatives of the Imagine Akron Health Sub-Committee that is addressing issues of uncompensated care in our community.

Older Adults

What's New Among the Old: The Changing Face of Gerontology

Speaker: Harvey L. Sterns, PhD

Session Description: Change is a key word today in the field of aging. New life-science technologies and new health management approaches are leading to new conceptions of later life. Currently, we are serving four generations who have care giving needs or are the providers of care to both children and older adults. Consumer behavior is being shaped by the expectations of these different groups. Self management is a key concept in current discussions of career and retirement: however, a more responsive service system will be needed to meet consumer expectations for themselves and their loved ones.

Bankruptcy* 10:30 - 11:30 am and 1:45 - 2:45 pm only

Unraveling the Bankruptcy Mystery

Speaker: Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum

Session Description: This session will address the changes that have occurred in the U.S. bankruptcy law over the last 30 years and the changes in the consumer economy on which that law operates. Join Judge Shea-Stonum, one of the busiest bankruptcy judges in the country, as she explores the mystery of the increase in local bankruptcy activity.

Financial Literacy* 9:15 - 10:15 am only

The Importance of Financial Literacy to Self-Sufficiency

Speaker: Toree Stokes

Session Description: Financial/Credit Literacy Evaluations and seminar training is crucial to preparing a client for self-sufficiency. Evaluating your agency capacity and skills set is just as important in determining if your agency is equipped to manage such a program. Join Toree Stokes, Executive Director, Mustard Seed Development Center, as she shares from her experience in "The Importance of Financial Literacy to Self-Sufficiency."

Youth At Risk

Summit County Resources in Partnership for Successful Youth

Speakers: Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, David S. Alexander

Session Description: This session will explore two complementary initiatives for youth, the Summit County Juvenile Court's Family Resource Center, which provides case management services to at risk children and families, and Partnerships for Success, a strategy to build and enhance a community's ability and capacity to deal more effectively with adolescent problem behavior and promote positive youth development.

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Name (Mr. Ms. Mrs.) or Organization		Organization Contact Person	
Address	Suite, Apt	Phone Number	Fax Number
City	State	Zip Code	E-Mail Address

Only checks are acceptable for payment. Note: Unfortunately we will be unable to accept telephone registrations. You will receive notification that we have received your registration. No refunds will be able to be given. Names of individuals must accompany this registration form.

PRICES

Forum Program & Luncheon \$60.00
 Forum Program Only \$30.00
 Luncheon Only \$30.00

Cost and Fees

Entire Forum _____ x 60.00 = \$ _____
 Forum Only _____ x 30.00 = \$ _____
 Luncheon Only _____ x 30.00 = \$ _____
 Table (Seats 8*) _____ x 240.00 = \$ _____
Total = \$ _____

Luncheon Selection (Check your preference)

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For your convenience, use the enclosed self-addressed envelope.



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 Akron, OH 44308-1991



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If you have additional questions regarding the Forum please contact Julie Seeley at 330.643.7512, or you can email her at: seelej01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Deadline for Registration is Friday, September 22nd, 2006

Please print clearly or type all information:

Name of Attendee	Agency or Organization
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EACH ATTENDEE MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL WITH THEIR FORUM REGISTRATION

Breakout Session 1 (9:15 am – 10:15 am)

Please indicate your preference from 1st (first choice) to 2nd (second choice). Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice requests, but seating will be based on availability and when registration is received.

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Facing the Challenge of Health Care Access | |

Breakout Session 2 (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

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Breakout Session 3 (1:45 pm – 2:45 pm)

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Note: Application has been made for continuing education credits for education credits for education, legal, nursing and social work. **Participants must complete an Evaluation Form at each session to receive a certificate.**

Please print clearly or type all information:

Name of Organization (if applicable)			Organization Contact Person	
Address		Suite, Apt	Phone Number	Fax Number
City	State	Zip Code	E-Mail Address	

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 - Eight admissions to the entire Forum including the luncheon
 - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
 - Display table for organization
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 - 16 admissions to the entire Forum including the luncheon
 - Display table for organization
 - Half page promotional advertisement in luncheon program (7.5" width X 4.5" height) Email electronic file to: gerrad@odjfs.state.oh.us by September 22nd.
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** Advertisements for the program, which are complimentary with the Platinum Sponsorship, must be emailed no later than Friday, September 22nd to: gerrad@odjfs.state.oh.us*

Display Tables

The Forum will have display tables available for those organizations who wish to advertise or promote. There are a limited number available for \$75.00 each. Table sizes are 6' x 30" and skirted.

Cost and Fees

Display Table _____ x 75.00 = \$ _____

Sponsorship _____ = \$ _____

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Nomination Criteria

In recognition of the vital role of individuals and organizations in meeting the health and human services needs of the citizens of Summit County, Mr. James B. McCarthy and the Social Services Advisory Board created the *Making a Difference...Human Services Awards*. This honor recognizes extraordinary achievements, by an individual or organization, in the area of provision of human services, that assist individuals in maintaining or achieving self-sufficiency. Presentation of the *Making a Difference...Human Services Awards* will be made during a luncheon to be held on October 11th, 2006.

Criteria for Nominees:

Nominees for the award are those individuals or organizations deemed to be instrumental in the development of human services as defined by:

Services which work towards enabling residents to do one or more of the following:

- Achieve self-sufficiency
- Meet their basic subsistence needs
- Avoid institutionalization
- Retain shelter and independence
- Remain healthy
- Maintain healthy lifestyles, or
- Otherwise prevent future problems related to these needs.

Candidates will be considered based on the following:

- Demonstrating a commitment through specific examples of improving the quality of life for residents in Summit County (unique and different contributions will be given special consideration).
- Having a measurable history of giving time and talent to community initiatives (ex. Events, Boards, etc.) that are important to making a positive difference.
- Demonstrating ethics and professionalism and being a role model for others in the area of human services.
- Valuing the input of others and working in harmony and collaboration to accomplish established goals for the betterment of the community and its residents.

General Guidelines:

- Individuals or organizations must provide services within Summit County.
- Nominees may be individuals or organizations, public or private.

Process:

- Individuals, organizations or any community group, knowledgeable about local noteworthy achievements in the human services area, may submit nominations for the *Making a Difference...Human Services Awards*.
- Nominations are not to exceed 2 pages typed which state specific reasons for the candidate's nomination. Additional letter (s) of support **must** be included. If an individual is nominated, the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae **must** be submitted which should provide information on the individual's career, background, volunteer efforts, prior awards and other notable achievements.
- The Executive Committee of the Social Services Advisory Board will review nominations and their decision is final.
- Presentation of the Award will take place at the luncheon on October 11, 2006.

Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this information to:

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 Fax: 330.643.7053
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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

(Please cut along here)

I, _____, _____ From _____
Name Title (if appropriate) Name of organization (if appropriate)

Nominate _____, _____ From _____
Name Title (if appropriate) Name of organization (if appropriate)

For the 2006 *Making a Difference...Human Services Award*. I have provided letter(s) of support, including specific reasons for the candidate's nomination, and the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae, (if an individual).

I can be reached at:

 Phone Hours

 E-mail address

The nominee can be reached at:

 Phone Hours

 E-mail address

Please select if the nominee is an Individual or Organization.

Is the Individual or Organization aware of this nomination? Yes No

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