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EASTERN EVALUATION RESEARCH SOCIETY HOLDS 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Eastern
Evaluation



Research Society (EERS) held its 31st annual conference from April 13 to 15, 2008, at the Seaview Marriott in Absecon, NJ. This year's conference theme was "Evidence-Based Evaluation: Balancing Rigor, Relevance, and Reality." Keynote and featured speakers at the conference were Tom Chapel from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Laura Leviton from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Heather Weiss, Director of the Harvard Family Research Project. EERS offered five concurrent sessions featuring over 40 individual and panel presentations on topics such as ethics in evaluation; web-based data collection; use of secondary data sources; building evaluation capacity; evaluation in the Gulf Coast, and evaluation of juvenile justice, literacy, antibullying, school reform, and community health programs. Five different skill-building sessions were also offered this year in addition to the two preconference workshops on

geographic information systems technologies and online surveys. For more information about EERS' mission and activities, please go to <http://www.eers.org/>.

2009 I&E TRAINING CONFERENCE KICK OFF MEETING

The 2009 I&E Training Conference kick-off meeting will be held at the Department of Health and Human Services on July 8th at 1:30 PM. Please plan on attending this meeting if you are interested in serving on the planning committee for the 2009 I&E Training Conference. The HHS-OIG office is located between 3rd and 4th Streets, SW on "C" Street in the Wilbur J. Cohen Building (enter the building on "C" Street). If you plan to ride the Metro, the closest stop is Federal Center Southwest (exit on 3rd Street). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jo Anne Padberg at joanne.padberg@oig.hhs.gov.

UPCOMING MEETING

A host is still needed for the next I&E Roundtable. If your office would like to host the next I&E Roundtable or submit agenda items, please contact Cynthia Thomas at cynthia.thomas@oig.hhs.gov or 410-786-7896.