

# National Annual Care Grantee Conference

Dear AFL Grantees,

The Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) is pleased to host this year's Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Care Grantee Annual Conference at the Hotel Palomar/Waterview Conference Center in Arlington, Virginia, December 5 – 7, 2011. The theme of this year's Annual Conference is *Optimizing Your Program*. Maintaining and continuing program services, especially during challenging economic periods, is a major undertaking for all organizations. Grantees, however, have the opportunity to position themselves for success and longevity in the field of pregnant and parenting adolescents by building sustainable organizations. The purpose of the 2011-2012 Annual Conference is to: (1) provide AFL grantees with practical strategies to develop and implement actions that will result in sustaining effective programs and services; (2) provide AFL grantees' staff with leadership skills that will boost their effectiveness; (3) enhance AFL grantees' knowledge, skills, and abilities in areas relevant to the needs of their target populations, such as program management, case management, and evaluation methodology and analysis; and (4) offer a platform in which grantees can share their program and evaluation findings with others. This conference will provide a professional forum to inform AFL Care Grantees of key issues and trends, as well as best practices to support their success in the adolescent health field for pregnant and parenting adolescents.

## Conference Information:

Monday, December 5, 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 PM:

- *Conference registration for grantees*
- *Poster exhibition set-up*
- *Grantee, RTI, and Project Officer Meetings – pre-registration required*

Tuesday, December 6, 2010, 7:45 AM – 5:15 PM:

- *Day One of Conference*

Tuesday, December 6, 2010, 5:30 – 6:30 PM:

- *Poster Exhibition & Networking Reception*
- *City at Peace DC Performance*

Wednesday, December 7, 2010, 7:45AM – 3:30 PM:

- *Day Two of Conference*

## Hotel Information:

Grantees are responsible for reserving their rooms at the **Hotel Palomar, 1121 19<sup>th</sup> Street North, Arlington, Virginia**. OAPP is currently holding a block of rooms for **December 5 - 6, 2011** until **Friday, November 18, 2011** at the current government per diem rate of **\$226** per single occupancy. Reservations can be made by calling: **1-866-505-1001** and requesting the “**OAPP Room Block**.” Reservations may also be made online at the following link: [OAPP Room Block](http://www.hotelpalomar-arlington.com/). Please make your reservations early to ensure you receive the negotiated rate! For more information go to: <http://www.hotelpalomar-arlington.com/>

### **Travel to and from Washington D.C.:**

You are responsible for coordinating your travel to and from Washington D.C.

Please plan to arrive into Washington D.C. on **Monday, December 5, 2011**. Registration and poster exhibit set-up will be available on **Monday, December 5, 2011 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM**. The conference will begin promptly at **8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 6, 2011**.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW WHEN BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT:**

*Please be aware that the conference ends at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7; therefore return flight arrangements should be made after 5:30 PM to account for the 2 hour travel to the airport and ticket processing.*

### **Ground transportation:**

You are responsible for ground transportation between the airport and the hotel. Ground transportation options include:

#### **From Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA):**

##### **Metrorail:**

- **Terminal B and C:** Use either of the two enclosed pedestrian bridges on the concourse level which connect directly to the station.
- **Terminal A:** Exit the terminal to the street side curb and board any “**Airport Shuttle**” bus. At the stops for terminal B or you may access an enclosed bridge which connects to the Metro station. Take the **Blue line (labeled Largo Town Center)** to **Rosslyn Station**. Exit on the east side on **North Moore Street between 19<sup>th</sup> and Wilson Boulevard**. Walk 1 block on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Hotel Palomar. The train trip takes about 10 minutes and costs around \$2 per person.

**Taxi:** Taxicab stands are conveniently located near the Arrivals (baggage claim) exits of each terminal. Dispatchers at each stand will help you select a taxicab based on your destination.

**Cost:** Fare is approximately \$20 one-way and travel time is 15 – 20 minutes.

**Shuttle Service: SuperShuttle** – To make reservations call **1-800-BLUEVAN** or to book online go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com). Cost: Approximately \$14 one-way or \$28 round-trip.

#### **From Dulles International Airport (IAD):**

**Taxi:** Taxicab stands are located on the Ground Transportation Level down the ramp.

Dispatchers at each stand will help you select a taxicab based on your destination.

**Cost:** Fare is approximately \$52 one-way and travel time is 45 - 50 minutes.

**Shuttle Service: SuperShuttle** – To make reservations call 1-800-BLUEVAN or to book online go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com). Cost: Approximately \$29 one-way or \$58 round-trip.