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The Metropolitan Action Commission along with the Vanderbilt Institute on Public Policy Studies will host local agencies, area universities, community groups and residents of Davidson County in panel discussions and working group sessions on the impact that Education, Employment, Housing and Economics has on poverty in Nashville.

The 2005 Summit on Poverty will be held at the Nashville Convention Center, Level 2 Ballroom (601 Commerce Street-downtown Nashville) on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, starting at 8:30 a.m. Nearly 150 people are expected at this event.

2005 Summit on Poverty “At-A-Glance”

Keynote Address

Cynthia Croom,
Executive Director of the Metropolitan Action Commission and
President of the Tennessee Association of Community Action Agencies

Summit Moderator

The Honorable Brenda Gilmore
Metropolitan Nashville Council

Opening Session Panel Presentations

George Howard, Talk Show Host, The George Howard Show
David Ewing, Government Relations & Community Involvement, Nashville Chamber of Commerce
Cathy Dodd, Director, Woodbine Community Center
Sherita Hardy, Community Partner, Metro Action Customer
Dr. Doug Perkins, Director, Center for Community Studies Vanderbilt University at Peabody College

Closing Session Panel Presentations

Marvin D. Cox, Community Program Director, Metropolitan Action Commission
Hank Helton, Development Director, Metropolitan Housing Development Agency
Debbie Miller, Child & Family Policy Director, Vanderbilt Institute on Public Policy
Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Professor of Economics, Tennessee State University

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