

**INFORMAL CHILDCARE, A TIME HONORED  
TRADITION  
HOSTED BY METRO SOCIAL SERVICES OF  
NASHVILLE/DAVIDSON COUNTY  
FRIDAY JUNE 29, 2007**

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.                      **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.                      **Welcome & Introductions**  
Gwen Harris, Chairperson  
Metro Social Services Board of Commissioners
- 9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.                      **Framing the Day**  
Gerri Robinson, Executive Director  
Metro Social Services
- 9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.                      **What We Know About Informal Childcare  
in Davidson County**
- Facilitator:** Gerri Robinson, MSS
- Childcare Subsidy**  
Paul Lefkowitz, **(Invited)** Director, Families First  
Policy & Child Care Certificate Program  
Tennessee Department of Human Services
- Informal Child Care in the Hispanic Community**
- Ms. Luisa Hough  
   LCL Family/Individual/Organizational Support  
   Services
- Ms. Helena Ortegon  
   YWCA
- Kinship Care**  
Vickie Jones, Kinship Care Support Network  
Coordinator, Tennessee Department of Children  
Services

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

## **Training and Coalition Building Models**

### **Borderless Classrooms**

Cynthia Croom, Executive Director Metro Action Commission

### **Alignment Nashville**

Sydney Rogers, Executive Director, Alignment Nashville

10:45 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

### **Break**

10:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

## **Findings from Current Research**

**Facilitator,** Russ Anthony, Social Worker Homeless Services, MSS

### **Use of Informal Childcare by Families First Leavers**

Sissie Hadjiharalambous, Ph.D.  
Assistant Director, Program Evaluation  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

### **Davidson County's Child Only Caseload Research**

Dinah Gregory, Director, Planning and Coordination, MSS

Erin J. Maher, Ph.D.  
Human Services Policy Center  
Evans School of Public Affairs  
University of Washington

Eva Marie Shivers, Ph. D.  
Indigo Cultural Center  
Tempe, Arizona

12:50 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## **Exploring Issues in Family, Friend and Neighbor Care**

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2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Next Steps and Close Out  
Gerri Robinson