



2002 OSEP National Early Childhood Conference Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, DC

November 4-6, 2002
Pre-Conference: November 3, 2002
Post-Conference: November 6 and 7, 2002

CONFERENCE DATES AND TIME

The 2002 OSEP National Conference will begin on Monday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Wednesday, November 6th at 12:30 p.m. Additionally, there will be a series of pre-conference meetings that will take place on Sunday, November 3, including the ICC Seminar. Post-conference meetings on Wednesday afternoon, November 6 and Thursday, November 7, include the Pacific TA Meeting on November 7. Please remember November 5 is Election Day and be sure to cast an absentee ballot.

CONFERENCE GOALS

- ★ Gain better understanding of research findings and practices
- ★ Further the goals of the US Department of Education by including all children and leaving no child behind
- ★ Build relationships/linkages with others to promote collaborative work, parental options, and innovative programs
- ★ Acquire resources that will lead to implementing successful evidence-based practices as well as high educational standards
- ★ Gain a sense of confidence, energy, and achievement for continued work on early childhood issues

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

The 2002 Conference is intended for a variety of audiences involved in planning and delivering services to young children with special needs and their families. Participants will include:

- ★ State Part C coordinators and staff
- ★ OSEP and other federal agency staff
- ★ ICC members and staff
- ★ FICC members
- ★ State Section 619 coordinators and staff
- ★ National/regional/state TA providers
- ★ Early Childhood Projects staff
- ★ Family members of children with special needs
- ★ Others in the early childhood community

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline is September 30, 2002. Please register on-line at <http://www.nectac.org/>. For people unable to register via the Web, please call Judi Shaver at (919) 962-7316.

Conference Registration fee of \$195.00 includes breakfast foods, beverages and snacks for morning and afternoon breaks, Monday evening reception AND Tuesday group lunch meeting. *Please note there is an additional registration fee of \$150 for the Pre-conference ICC Seminar and luncheon.* Registration fees can be paid ON-SITE by cash; personal, business, state, or non-profit check; VISA or MasterCard. Sorry, no purchase orders. Please make checks payable to NECTAC. Federal Tax ID - 56-6001393.

If you need special accommodations, such as Braille, large print or interpretive services, please tell us on your registration form.

SPONSORSHIP

This conference is sponsored by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Programs (OSEP). It was planned collaboratively with a Conference Planning Committee representing diverse interests and perspectives and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC).



EXHIBITS

Exhibit tables and poster display areas will be available free of charge. Sorry, no electrical outlets will be available. All morning and afternoon breaks as well as a Monday evening reception will be held in the exhibit area. You will be able to leave your displays up from Sunday, November 3, through Tuesday evening, November 5. Contracted uniformed security will monitor the display area Sunday and Monday evenings only. If you or your organization would like to request a table, please check the box on the registration form for displays. Display material sent to the hotel must include the following information: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, C/O Your Name, OSEP EC Conference, Number of Boxes, and Attn: Lisa Wellins, Convention Manager. An editable address label file is available on our meeting Web site for your convenience, <http://www.nectac.org/~meetings/National2002/>. Please note, there is a hotel handling fee of \$30 per 100 lb. weight for incoming shipments and \$30 per 100 lb. weight for outgoing shipments, in addition to your shipping costs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel is located in Washington, D.C.'s Woodley Park neighborhood, just minutes from the National Zoo, the National Cathedral and one block from the Metro Subway Station (Red Line). The hotel is 8 miles from the Reagan National Airport or 29 miles from Dulles International Airport, or 29 miles from Baltimore Washington International Airport. For more information, visit the hotel Web site at <http://www.marriotthotels.com/wasdt>

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC

2660 Woodley Road, NW
Washington, DC 20008
Phone: (202) 328-2000

Room rates, plus tax

Single rate: \$150.00 Double rate: \$180.00

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 12 Noon

Self-parking is available for \$19/per day

A block of sleeping rooms is reserved under "OSEP EC Conference" for November 1 through 7, on a space and rate available basis. In order to reserve your sleeping room at the special conference rate listed above, please call the hotel by **Monday, September 30, 2002**. You may also reserve your room on-line at <http://www.marriotthotels.com/wasdt> Click on "Reserve." Enter arrival/departure dates and Group Code - EONEONA. After completing the on-line reservation, including providing your credit card information, you should receive an eight-digit confirmation number beginning with an "8." Call the hotel if you do not. The Marriott Wardman Park is currently in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The public areas and meeting spaces as well as thirty-one sleeping rooms are disability accessible. Please make the hotel aware of any special requirements.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Each conference participant is responsible for making his/her own travel plans. Viking Travel has arranged a special conference rate with participating airlines. Call Viking Travel at (800) 672-5907 and ask for Thanh Pham to make your reservations. Viking Travel accepts most credit cards.

UPON ARRIVAL AT DC AREA AIRPORTS

Reagan National - Proceed from the baggage area to the outside curb and contact the Super Shuttle representative. After business hours, call (800) 258-3826 and press 1 for dispatch or 2 for reservations, which will transfer you to dispatch. Cost is about \$9/one way. Approximate cab fare to/from Reagan National to Washington, DC is \$18. Metro Subway service is available to/from the airport to the hotel. Please check in baggage area for details and directions to the Metro station. For information about the Metro System, visit <http://www.wmata.com/metrorail/systemmap.cfm>

Washington Dulles - Follow signs for ground transportation leading you directly to the SuperShuttle boarding area located on lower level, outside at curb 1D or 1F. There will be a uniformed Guest Service Representative who will assist with baggage and boarding. After midnight call (703) 416-7884. Cost is about \$20/one way. Approximate cab fare to/from Dulles International Airport to Washington, DC range from \$44 to \$50.

Baltimore Washington International Airport - Proceed from the baggage area to the ground transportation area on the lower level. Taxi service from BWI to is available on the lower level near each exit. The fare from BWI to Washington, DC is approximately \$55 - \$60. Super Shuttle's door-to-door service is available to the Washington, DC area for a cost of ~\$30/one way and will depart within 60 minutes of your request. To arrange return service from DC to BWI, reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 1-800-BLUE-VAN (1-800-258-3826). The cost is ~\$30/one way.

QUESTIONS?

About registration or logistics, please contact: Judi Shaver at judi_shaver@unc.edu or (919) 962-7316

About the program or agenda, please contact: Joicey Hurth at joycey_hurth@unc.edu or (919) 962-7323