

*On behalf of the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), we would like to invite you to a conference on:*

***SHARING BEST PRACTICES: PARTNER APPROACH TO ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ABUSE***

***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Monday, July 27, 2009**

**8AM – 5PM**

**Johnson City, TN 37604**

**Hotel and Meeting Location**



1216 W. State of Franklin Road  
Johnson City, TN 37604  
(P) 423.979.6400  
Toll Free: 866.757.8277

The Carnegie Hotel is located in the heart of Johnson City, you may view the hotel at the following link <http://www.carnegiehotel.com/index.html> The hotel is located approximately 15 miles from the Tri Cities Regional Airport, (TRI), located in Blountville, TN. Don't miss this opportunity to find out the latest information in this crucial area of substance abuse practices and prevention.

A limited number of hotel rooms are being held at the government rate of \$70.00 per night at the Carnegie Hotel. You will need to contact the hotel directly at 866.757.8277 and request a room under the group block: ARC/ORHP Substance Abuse Conference (Nakamoto Group). Once the discounted rooms are no longer available, the room rate will increase to \$99.00 per night.

Although there is no registration fee to attend the conference, you will be on your own for payment of your room, taxes, and any incidental charges.

To ensure capacity is not exceeded, **REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED.** Please contact Lynne Ronayne with the Nakamoto Group by Friday, July 17, 2009, during regular business hours at 301.834.4681, or via e-mail at: [lynne.ronayne@nakamotogroup.com](mailto:lynne.ronayne@nakamotogroup.com).

Please see the working agenda for further details on the conference content as well as the registration form.

Sincerely,

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**Draft Agenda**  
**SHARING BEST PRACTICES: PARTNER APPROACH TO ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
**Monday, July 27, 2009**  
**Carnegie Hotel - Johnson City, TN**

- 8:00-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Overview of conference and Welcome
- Tom Morris (HRSA)
  - Anne Pope (ARC)
- 9:15-10:15 **Report of Findings of Appalachian Substance Abuse Study**
- Michael Meit (NORC) “What do we know about substance abuse in Appalachian? or; What do we think we know?”
- 10:15-10:30 *BREAK*
- 10:30-11:30 1<sup>st</sup> PANEL **Prevention Strategies with At-Risk Populations**
- The **Charleston Area Medical Center Health Education and Research Institute** (West Virginia): reducing drug use and addiction during pregnancy and at time of delivery.
  - **Morgan Behavioral Health Choices** (Ohio): preventing early use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by children and adolescents
  - The **People Encouraging People Coalition** (Kentucky): providing skills and crafts training for at-risk and addicted youth
- 11:30-12:00 **SAMHSA Why Coalitions Work: How SAMHSA supports community coalitions and treatment centers**
- 12:00-1:00 *LUNCH*
- Speaker: Bruce Behringer (ETSU): Best Practices and Lessons Learned from Challenge Grants
- 1:00-2:00 2<sup>nd</sup> PANEL **Community Education**
- The **Kentucky River Foothills Development Council**: reducing substance abuse through coordination of community education and mini-grants
  - The **Coalition on Appalachian Substance Abuse Policy** (Tennessee): creation of a regional clearinghouse of information on substance use health issues in Appalachia
  - The **Rowan County UNITE Coalition** (Kentucky): implementing three community substance prevention and education programs
- 2:00-2:30 **ARC Why the Regional Approach Works: How ARC supports a regional approach to health and substance abuse issues**
- 2:30-2:45 *BREAK*
- 2:45-3:45 3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL **Training and Assessment**
- The **Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts**: training new drug and alcohol addiction counselors
  - **Kentucky River Community Care**: educating health-care providers on prescription drug diversion and abuse
  - The **Steuben County Department of Community Services** (New York), overcoming service gaps in addiction assessment and treatment for incarcerated individuals
- 3:45-4:15 **FORPH Why Service Networks Are Effective: How ORHP supports rural health**
- 4:15-4:30 Conclusions and Lessons Learned from the conference  
Closing Comments/Adjourn

# REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

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866.757.8277**

### Hotel Accommodations

A block of single occupancy rooms is being held for the nights of Sunday, July 26th and Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City, TN. A limited number of hotel rooms are being held at the government rate of \$70.00 per night. Please contact the Carnegie Hotel directly to reserve your room. Refer to the group name: ARC/ORHP Substance Abuse Conference (Nakamoto Group). We cannot guarantee that there will still be rooms available at the discounted rate. Rooms are limited, and once the discounted rooms are gone, the rate will be \$99.00 per night.

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You may also complete and send the information via fax to Lynne Ronayne at: 301-834-3298. There is no registration fee to attend the conference.

Name and Address of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Travel Information

#### Airline Options

TRI-CITIES REGIONAL AIRPORT, TN/VA - Located approximately 3 miles from I-81.  
2525 Highway 75, P.O. box 1055, Blountville, TN 37617  
423.325.6000

WEBSITE: [www.TRIflight.com](http://www.TRIflight.com)

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Please refer to the conference agenda for planning purposes.

#### Other Travel Options:

- Primary Highway access: US 11E, 11W, 19, 19E, 19W, 23, 321, 421 and numerous State Routes.
- Interstate access: I-81, I-26
- Bus Lines: Greyhound

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