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Dear 88 Public Children Services Agency Directors,

The PCSAO Annual Conference (Sept. 9-11, 2009) is rapidly coming up. The brochure is available at <http://www.pcsao.org/AnnualConference.htm>. We are looking forward to a great conference.

**Our present budget crisis prompts two PCSAO strategies re: our conference:**

- **Every local investment must support effective and efficient child & family outcomes**
- **PCSAs need financial support to attend!**

**Thus, we are offering scholarships for agency staff and local partner attendance to learn about evidence informed strategies.** These are offered in partnership with the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, the Institute for Human Services, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

#### **Criteria?**

1. **PCSA manager, or key specialized staff (up to three PCSA staff), along with the appropriate community partner** of your choice (law enforcement? Behavioral health provider? Etc.)
2. **The local team must attend from the menu of workshops below**, which will give you both an overview of the goals, target population, program, implementation strategies, and demonstrated outcomes of the evidence supported program. When your community is ready, the OCWTP will be available to bring you and your community more in-depth training, locally:
  - Key Note (Sept. 9) – Locally Embracing Evidence Supported Child Welfare Practice
  - WS 2 – Treatment for Adolescents with Illegal Sexual Behaviors
  - WS 4 - Prevention Partnerships for child welfare & child care (Strengthening Families)
  - WS 5 – Using Community Change Teams for implementing evidence supported programs
  - WS 22 – New Developments in Forensic Interviewing with Child Victims
  - WS 25 – Safe Care ©, in-home services for neglect cases
  - WS 34 – Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - WS 35 – Investigating Child Sexual Abuse
3. **Free One Day Registration for everyone on your local team** – when sending in your conference registration, write "Scholarship" on the top of the forms, and star the evidence informed workshop all are attending.
4. If any team members **wish to attend multiple days of the conference, free multi-day registration, if they stay overnight at the Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel** - just include the hotel reservation confirmation number on the PCSAO registration form.

We have a limited number of scholarships available, so register early. **These scholarships are only available for PCSAO Members – Managers or key Specialized Staff and the Local Child and Family Serving Partner of your choice.** Many thanks to the OCWTP, IHS, APSAC, OCTF and ODMH for support of this effort. Please contact Jeed at 614-224-5802 or [jeed@pcsao.org](mailto:jeed@pcsao.org) with any questions.

Warmly,

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