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Wingspread Conference Center

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## Conferences Open to Wingspread Fellows

September through November 2008

*Apply to attend an event as soon as you find one that interests you. Contact your Campus Coordinator for further details.*

### **LOCAL: Briefing -- Ending Homelessness in Racine County**

*Statement of Purpose:* To unveil a 10-year plan to eliminate homelessness in Racine County.

*Synopsis:* A large multi-agency task force has spent the past year developing a plan to eliminate homelessness in Racine County. This briefing will unveil that plan.

*Dates:* September 25, 2008 (Thursday)– begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

### **BRIEFING: Greening the Not So New House**

*Statement of Purpose:* To inform homeowners of initiatives and products available to help them start "greening" their homes.

*Dates:* Tuesday September 30, 2008– begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

### **Connections Between Marriage and Health: Program and Policy Implications (NHMRC) 4 of 4**

*Statement of Purpose:* To review the connections between marital quality and health outcomes and consider the implications for health care practice, training and policy.

*Synopsis:* This conference is the fourth in series and will review the connections between marital quality and health outcomes and consider the implications for health care practice, training and policy. A growing body of research indicates there are strong effects of marital status and marital quality on health outcomes across the life cycle. This conference, a follow up to an earlier research symposium funded by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS, will review the key findings related to marital quality (positive and negative), and consider potential implications for health care practitioners and the healthy marriage field.

*Dates:* October 20-22, 2008 (Monday-Wednesday)– begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 1:00 p.m.

### **Fostering Innovation in Conservation on Agricultural Lands Through Philanthropy**

*Statement of Purpose:* To foster innovations in conservation delivery on agricultural lands.

*Synopsis:* Philanthropists from across the country will gather to learn how the agricultural world has evolved from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The content and discussion will center on identifying these changes and how to cultivate future agricultural conservation investments that will yield strong environmental returns.

*Dates:* October 23- 25, 2008 (Thursday-Saturday)- begins at 5:00 p.m. and adjourns at 3:00 p.m.

### **BRIEFING: 11th Annual Comparative Analysis of Racine Public Schools**

*Statement of Purpose:* To inform the community concerning the progress of RUSD.

*Dates:* October 30, 2008– begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

## **Wingspread Revisited - Expanding Collaborative Regional Planning Around Southern Lake Michigan**

*Statement of Purpose:* To engage policy officials and staff from regional planning agencies serving southeast Wisconsin, northeast Illinois, northwest Indiana, and southwest Michigan to assess progress made from the prior two meetings, identify issues and opportunities for future collaboration, and expand the existing agreement among the organizations to include southwest Michigan.

*Synopsis:* Since the first two Wingspread meetings in 2001-2002 and ensuing Wingspread Accord, the states surrounding the southern Lake Michigan basin have increasingly collaborated on interstate solutions of the social, economic, and environmental issues that affect the entire region. This third meeting will focus on issues that link the regional economy with the community and natural environment, such as climate change, freight planning, and green infrastructure.

*Dates:* November 5-7, 2008 (Wednesday-Friday)– begins at 5:00 p.m. and adjourns at 1:00 p.m.

## **LOCAL: Improving Health Literacy in Wisconsin**

*Statement of Purpose:* To develop the framework for a comprehensive and systematic statewide plan to reduce barriers to health literacy throughout healthcare and literacy organizations.

*Synopsis:* Representatives of four regional health literacy committees will convene to develop the framework for a statewide plan to increase health literacy (the ability to read/comprehend and use effectively health and healthcare information) in Wisconsin.

*Dates:* Nov 12-13, 2008 (Wednesday-Thursday)– begins at 12:00 noon and adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

**Contact your Campus Coordinator if you wish to attend an event.**

For additional information on the events listed, contact Lisa Piche at The Johnson Foundation at (262) 681-3336 or email: <lpiche@johnsonfdn.org>. You may also visit our website at [www.johnsonfdn.org](http://www.johnsonfdn.org)