



the 2008

great kids summit

5th Annual conference hosted by Kentucky Child Now! ♦ Bringing Youth & Adults Together To Build Success!



A powerful & inspiring leadership experience for middle & high school youth and the adults who serve them.



Register Online Today!
February 25-26, 2008

Marriott Griffin Gate Resort ♦ Lexington, KY
Online registration available at kychildnow.org

A Unique Leadership Opportunity for Youth



Tara Suri, CosmoGIRL! of the Year and teenage founder of HOPE (Helping Orphans Pursue Education) will show how YOUTH can make a global impact



Affectionately known as "Kentucky Joe" from the CBS television series *Survivor*, Rodger Bingham will be share how a healthy lifestyle has helped him to not only "survive", but to thrive as a leader!

The Mission: The Great Kids Summit is a **unique leadership experience** for youth from all walks of life. They participate in a professional style conference complete with an **engaging mix of renowned speakers, interactive workshops, dynamic training, entertainment, celebration and recognition.** Centered around the Five Promises, the Summit is an excellent opportunity for young people (ages 12 & up) to **experience caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve.**

The Goal: The 2008 Summit will **inspire and empower young people to be leaders and change agents.** They will experience youth and adult partnerships, develop leadership skills and **explore opportunities to get involved and make a difference** in their school and community.

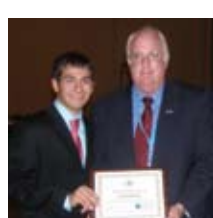
The Academics: Young people will be **challenged to step up to leadership and learn how to channel their opinions, ideas and commitments.** Their school and community will benefit through service, volunteerism, civic engagement, and advocacy.

"Working with Kentucky Child Now has given me the opportunity to make decisions that positively affect all young people. I have improved my leadership skills and had the opportunity to work with youth and adults across the state ...my service has taught me that my ideas, opinions and input are important and valuable to my neighborhood, community and state." Drew Trimble, University of Kentucky student and Kentucky Child Now Board Member

Professional Development Opportunity for Adults



2008 Featured Keynote, Best-Selling Author and Businessman, Stedman Graham will share the nine steps to leadership success from his book, *Teens Can Make it Happen*



Drew Trimble, KCN Board Member acknowledging Steve Wing, Director of Government Relations, CVS/Caremark for their generous support.

The Mission: Designed to **foster youth and adult partnerships**, the Great Kids Summit is a unique opportunity for adults to renew their commitment to young people and offer them more **opportunities to lead, to serve, to contribute, to have a voice** and to be valued in their school and community.

The Goal: The Summit **offers a model professional development opportunity** that will improve youth program quality and staff performance by providing more knowledge and skill. Based on a **positive youth development approach**, adults will have the opportunity to experience youth and adult partnerships and learn how they can work through the challenges they encounter.

The Academics: Adults will be challenged to view young people as resources and leaders, rather than problems to be fixed. They will gain a familiarity with the youth development approach and use this approach to **explore, share, and learn new strategies for working with young people.**

"The Great Kids Summit is a wonderful opportunity to network with other communities and youth about issues facing our young people today. Each time I attend I learn something new and create new connections with others across the state. We collaborate on issues and share ideas that will benefit the future of our state through the development of our youth." Ellen Redding, Director of Communications/Community Education

Agenda at a Glance

MONDAY 02.25.08

Summit will begin at 1:00 p.m.

- Opening Plenary, Stedman Graham, *Teens Can Make it Happen*
- *Making a Change!* Youth & Adult Partnerships
- Mike King, *Understanding Personality Differences: Building on Your Leadership Strengths and Style*
- Luau, Dinner
- Summit Idol

Evening activities will conclude by 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 02.26.08

Activities will begin at 8:00 a.m.

- Breakfast Plenary, Dr. Hatim Omar, MD, FAAP, *A Healthy Start, A Healthy Future!*
- Workshop Session One & Two, topics will include:
 - Adolescent Development
 - Safe Places to Learn
 - Bullying
 - Culture & Diversity
 - Internet Safety
 - Advocacy
- Lunch Plenary, Tara Suri, *The Power of YOUTH, a Global Impact*
- Youth Involvement Showcase
- Summit Finale, Rodger Bingham (a.k.a. Kentucky Joe), *Kentucky is Proud!*
- Destiny Awards Reception

Summit to conclude at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Information

Registration Fee: \$125/person (youth or adult)

Registration is available online at www.kychildnow.org.

Registration Includes: one continental breakfast, one lunch, one dinner, the Destiny Awards reception, conference materials, conference shirt, and all conference sessions outlined above. Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.