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SUNO School of Social Work to host one-day conference on impact of AIDS on children

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) School of Social Work’s Community Resource Center will have a one-day conference, “Children of Color Impacted by AIDS Left Behind”, on Monday, June 29, 2009 at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel (739 Canal St.) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Kevin U. Stephens, Sr., Director of the New Orleans Health Department and Mrs. Josephine Okoronkwo, Director of SUNO’s Student Development Center.

The conference will focus on issues, services and practices for children of color diagnosed with HIV or AIDS as well as children of color who have lost their caretakers due to AIDS. The conference will also examine the impact of the disease throughout the local, national and global communities.

“The conference is our way of addressing an international situation,” says Dr. Beverly Favré, Dean of SUNO’s School of Social Work. “Often, attention is focused on the adults but little attention on the children infected with HIV and their death as a result of AIDS. It is documented that everyday 1,400 children under the age of 15 die of AIDS related illnesses, worldwide.”

Attendees can register, in person, at the SUNO School of Social Work on the Lake Campus at 6801 Press Drive, Building 33A. For more information call (504) 286-5376 or e-mail dt Tyler@suno.edu (with AIDS or ETHICS in the subject line). Participants MUST register before the day of the conference.

Early bird registration is available until Friday, June 19th, and registration is available at suno.edu.

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