

**8:30-9:15 Conference
Registration and Continental
Breakfast**

**9:15-9:30 Welcome—Brenda
Donald, Secretary, Maryland
Department of Human
Resources**

**9:30-10:15 Keynote Address—
Debbie Wooten**

10:30-11:45 Training 1

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:15-2:30 Training 2

2:45-4:00 Training 3



Debbie Wooten is an expert in overcoming adversity. Born on the south side of Chicago with Spina Bifida and contracting polio at five months, Debbie entered a world of poverty, racism, abuse, and family suicide. But after years of struggle and barriers that for most of us would be too daunting, Debbie succeeded in becoming a highly requested speaker and comedian.

Debbie's story is a vision of what the human spirit can prevail through. Her real strength is getting her message across that if she can rise above poverty, abuse, prejudice and physical barriers anyone can succeed.

Foster Parents will be required to complete two mandatory trainings due to regulation changes. All participants will be registered for:

- **Medication Administration—** Michele Burnette, President of MFPA
- **Behavioral Support Management—** Teri Benson, Foster Parent Training Coordinator, University of Maryland School of Social Work

Select a third training from the following choices:

- Don't Hit—Outwit:** Humor in the parenting system – Debbie Wooten
- Foster Care: from the Youth's Perspective—** Shalita O'Neale, Chapter President, FCAA
- Foster Parents—Tool Belt:** tools to help foster parents handle difficult situations — John Bertulis, Foster Parent Ombudsman
- Parent Involvement—A Foundational Support for Our Children:** Providing educational support and strengthening the home/school connection – Sam Macer, National and State Child Advocate

**MFPA conference 2009 is
FREE to all foster parents
and includes lunch.**

Pre-registration is required for this conference by October 12, 2009. There will be no registration the day of the conference. Mail registration to:

Maryland Foster Parent Association
1003 Klender Court
Bel Air, MD 21014
Attn: Doreen Hochlowski
Address questions to (410) 937-8959

Please indicate your top two choices for the third training; we will do our best to accommodate your selection:

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Please print clearly:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

Please initial below:

_____ I grant permission for my information to be included in the MFPA database

_____ I do not grant permission

Dear Foster Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Maryland Foster Parent Association for planning this Conference. I am confident that it promises to be an informative and entertaining event.

Please join me there on October 17th to learn some new initiatives and network with other foster parents from around the State.

Thanks for proving that **PLACE MATTERS** in Maryland.

Brenda Donald
Secretary
D.H.R.

Thanks to the Maryland Department of Human Resources for funding this conference.

For your convenience, the **Maritime Institute** has a **hotel** on the premises. Single occupancy is \$139.00 Double occupancy is \$184.00 Rates include the room, breakfast, and dinner. Reservations can be made at reservations@ccmit.org or by calling **866-900-3517**.

Directions to the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute:

1. From South via I-95:

Go North to 195 East. Take 195 East to the Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 North). Go North to the West Nursery Rd. exit (just after the BWI exit). Bear right at the end of ramp onto West Nursery Rd. Go to first accessible light and turn left onto International Drive. Go to the first street and turn left onto Aero Dr. Proceed two blocks and enter through gate onto the property.

2. From South via Rt. 3/301, I-97, Rt. 2:

Go North to MD-100. Go West to Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 North), then proceed as in #1 above.

3. From North via I-95 using the Ft. McHenry Tunnel:

Head South through the Ft. McHenry Tunnel. Take the third exit after the tunnel, Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 South). Go South on Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 South) to the West Nursery Rd. exit (first exit south of 695 Baltimore Beltway). At the end of the ramp, turn left at the light onto West Nursery Rd. At third light (International Blvd.), turn left. Go to the first street and turn left onto Aero Dr. Proceed two blocks and enter through gate onto the property.

4. From North via the Baltimore Beltway (695):

From 695 (South), 83, 70, or 95, take the Baltimore Beltway (695 South) towards Glen Burnie. Take exit 7, Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 South). Proceed as in # 3 above.

5. From Downtown Baltimore via I-395:

Take 395 South to 95 South. Exit left onto the Baltimore Beltway (695 East). Take exit 7, the Balt/Wash Pkwy (MD-295 South). Proceed as in # 3 above.



Maryland Foster Parent Association

Making a Difference...one child at a time

2009 Maryland Foster Parent Conference

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8:30 AM-4:00 PM**

**Conference Center at
the Maritime Institute
692 Maritime Boulevard
Linthicum, MD 21090**

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