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Speaker Information for Pre-Conference Leadership Institute

Jennifer Blosser, ACSW, LCSW, C-SWHC, graduated from University of Connecticut in 1987 with a B.A. in Psychology and from VCU School of Social Work in 1990. In 2000, she co-authored an article on restraint use in acute care settings. Ms. Blosser has been employed for 11 years with VCUHS and for six years previously with Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Hospital. Having served in medical, surgical, rehab and pediatrics she brings a wide variety of experience within the health care realm including in-program development, teaching and community presentations. She is currently the social worker for VCU's Bone Marrow Transplant Program,

Debbie Cadet, MSW is a 10-year veteran Social Worker at VCU Medical Center. Debbie received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. She is currently the Clinical Social Worker for the Massey Cancer Center's Dalton Oncology Clinic. Debbie is also the Chief Administrative Officer for Impact Youth Services LLC, a residential group home in Richmond, VA for boys with Autism and other MH and MR diagnosis between the ages of 13-17. Additionally, Debbie is a Graduate Student at VCU pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Education and she hopes to graduate in Spring 2008.

Lemmie Downs, Jr., MSW has 12 years of Social Work experience; including working with children and adolescents in residential settings, the homeless population, clients living with HIV/AIDS and the geriatric population. Mr. Downs is currently a Clinical Social Worker at VCU Health System in the Surgery Trauma ICU. Mr. Downs is a 2007 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University's MSW Program.

Terrie Glass is the President of Leadership Solutions, a training and consulting company. She has over 15 years experience in organizational leadership and specializes in the development of new leaders and teams. Prior to starting Leadership Solutions, Terrie had a 20-year career in the CSB system at Henrico Area Mental Health & Retardation Services, where she was the Director of Substance Abuse Services and later the Director of Administration and Finance. Terrie's clients include the public human services system agencies as well as small businesses and corporations. Terrie teaches in the School of Social Work at VCU and is a licensed clinical social worker.

Collette Walker-Thomas is a native of Maryland, and she embarked on her career as a clinical social worker in 1989 when she graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelors degree in Social Work. Ms. Walker-Thomas then matriculated to the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work where in 1992 she earned a Masters Degree in Social Work. Over the years, Ms. Walker-Thomas has held a variety of social work management and executive positions that have enhanced the lives of children and families over the state of Maryland. Currently Ms. Walker-Thomas is president and CEO of her company Walker & Thomas Clinical Associates, P.A. Ms. Walker-Thomas has served on numerous committees, steering committees, boards, advisory boards and community associations and organizations. Ms. Walker-Thomas is a well respected and highly sought after social worker because of her unwavering commitment to the families and children of Maryland.

Annual Awards Luncheon



National Counseling Group, Inc.
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Saturday, March 8
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Honor our 2008 award recipients and network with colleagues at this year's Awards Luncheon.

The awards include: Social Worker of the Year, Public Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award, MSW Student of the Year, and BSW Student of the Year.

Choose one of the delicious meals prepared by the Omni Hotel on the Conference registration form.