

*The Child Welfare League of America  
Invites You to Join Us  
for the*

**PRIDE INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE  
February 27 – 29, 2008  
Washington, DC**

***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

The PRIDE Roundtable is an opportunity for colleagues around the world to share experiences, ideas, and innovations, and plan future directions regarding the PRIDE program. This Roundtable is also open to individuals and organizations that are considering implementing the program and would like to learn about the international experiences of others. Objectives for our highly interactive Roundtable are to: (1) promote both formal and informal discussions; (2) foster the transfer of learning among participants; and (3) learn from presentations on PRIDE innovations, with both small and large group discussions on topics of interest identified by the group

PRIDE colleagues from public and private agencies and organizations from Canada, Europe, and the United States will be participating. Participants will have an opportunity to meet with some of the developers of the PRIDE program, dating back to the early 1990's, including Eileen Mayers Pasztor, Mick Polowy, and Joanne Mathews; and meet Rob van Pagee from the Netherlands who pioneered the transfer of PRIDE from the USA to other countries. The tentative program follows, as the final agenda will be shaped by participants based on discussions on the first afternoon.

**Wednesday, 27 February 2008  
2:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Welcome and introductions (2:30 pm- 5:00 pm)**

Facilitated by Maureen Leighton from the Child Welfare League of America and Rob van Pagee from Op Kleine Schall, participants will have an opportunity to learn about their colleagues. Each organization will be asked to briefly describe a success they would like to share and identify an issue they would like to have discussed during the meeting. Based on topics identified during the introduction, the group will decide on the subjects for the small group sessions to be held on the following days. Selections may include topics such as: recruitment of families for teens; conducting family assessments; reaching applicants in rural areas; handling situations where prospective families miss training sessions; meeting the needs of diverse or multi-cultural populations; and creating an organizational culture/climate that supports the PRIDE Model of Practice.

**Get acquainted reception (5:00 pm- 6:00 pm)**

Hosted by the San Felipe Humanitarian Alliance (SFHA), the reception is open to all participants. SFHA was the major supporter of the PRIDE videos, under the leadership of its director, the late Robert (Bob) Del Conte. The current director, Michele Del Conte, will provide greetings from the SFHA, and speak to Bob's vision for fostering that dates back for many decades. The reception will provide a relaxing environment to begin or continue conversations, building on the welcome and introductory afternoon.

Following the reception, participants who are interested can join as a group to go out to dinner at a local restaurant. (The cost of dinner is not included in the registration fee.)

**Thursday, 28 February 2008  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Complimentary continental breakfast/informal discussion (8:30 am - 9:00 am)**

**Bridge from previous afternoon (9:00 am – 9:15 am)**

**“Cracker-barrel” Session I (9:15 am– 10:30 am)**

A “cracker-barrel” session is a facilitated small group session. Three small groups will be conducted at the same time. Participants can participate in a group of their choice, based on decisions from previous afternoon.

**Break (10:30 am – 10:45 am)**

Participants can continue conversations started in the small groups and review easel pads stationed around the room, which contain information of the discussions held in each cracker-barrel session.

**“Cracker-barrel” Session II (10:45 am – noon)**

Three more groups, on different topics, will be conducted. Participants will select one group to attend.

**Lunch on your own (noon – 1:30 pm)**

(Suggestions for locations and joining together will be available)

**New PRIDE materials for group training and distance-learning (1:30 pm – 2:45 pm)**

Mick Polowy, one of the principal developers of the PRIDE program, will describe several recently-developed modules that incorporate research on child and adolescent development. He will also address topics of special interest for foster parents of teens, including attachment issues, helping teens manage anger, and promoting positive educational outcomes. There will be a presentation on an innovative distance-learning option for training foster parents in the PRIDE Core modules. Participants who use this technology will discuss the advantages of the program for reaching foster parents who traditionally cannot participate in group training.

**Break (2:30 pm– 2:45 pm)**

Participants can continue conversations started in the small groups and can review easel pads stationed around the room which contain information of the discussions held in each cracker-barrel session.

**International panel (3:00 pm - 4:45 pm)**

Facilitated by Rob van Pagee, several PRIDE colleagues from European and North American regions will discuss their successes and challenges regarding implementation and outcomes. The panel provides an opportunity to learn how the needs of children and families know no borders, as we respectfully celebrate international collaboration.

**Wrap-up (4:45 pm– 5:00 pm)**

Following the wrap-up, participants who are interested can join as a group to go out to dinner at a local restaurant. (The cost of dinner is not included in the registration fee.)

**Friday, 29 February 2008****Complimentary continental breakfast/informal discussion (8:30am-9:00 am)****Innovations in practice: preparing youth for adulthood (9:00 am– 10:30 am)**

Casey Family Programs, Casey Family Services, and Jim Casey Youth Opportunities have undertaken a national initiative to strengthen services to prepare youth for adulthood. The goal is to help agencies develop programs, policies, and practices so that all youth leaving care have both life-long connections and the skills necessary to be successful adults. A representative from Casey has been invited to describe a teamwork approach and projects underway in several states to bring about this shift in practice. Joanne Mathews, one of the principal developers of PRIDE, will describe a new PRIDE Module, developed by CWLA and Casey, to train foster parents in their role in integrating life skills and permanency planning for youth in their care.

**Break (10:30 am– 10:45 am)****The future of PRIDE (10:45 am – noon)**

Participants will be invited to help envision future directions for the PRIDE programs, and ways to continue to work together as an international community.

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**To register for the Roundtable go to CWLA's website, [www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org), click on Conferences and follow instructions.** The registration fee is \$125/per person. If you have problems registering, please call Maureen Leighton at 617-769-4006.

**Location:** Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008.  
Phone: 800-228-9290. Hotel information is included in the online conference brochure. To

receive the conference rate on hotel accommodations, please let the hotel know you are registering in connection with CWLA's National Conference (code: CWLCWLA)

*Notes:*

*1. CWLA will arrange optional sight-seeing opportunities for Friday afternoon for out-of-town guests who wish to participate. Costs are not included in the registration fee.*

*2. Participants are encouraged to bring any examples of their own PRIDE-related materials, such as recruitment posters, news or journal articles, research findings, photos, etc. all languages welcome! There will be a display table for sharing.*