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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our sixth annual North American Craniofacial Family Conference! It is always such a pleasure to host this great event but more so this year as AmeriFace is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

We have a great educational program with nationally recognized speakers, but also a lot of fun events to commemorate our birthday!

We certainly have gone through some changes since we started out; some more challenging than others. But it gives me such pride, as president, to boast about the great organization we have become. Many thanks to Executive Director Debbie Oliver, the AmeriFace board, our Action Team, the generous conference sponsors and exhibitors, and to the many volunteers and generous donors who make all of this happen.

We are so pleased that you could join us this year. As I always like to say, please take the opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones, share experiences, and enjoy being together.

Welcome to Las Vegas and AmeriFace's birthday party!

Sincerely,

David J. Reisberg, DDS

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President







Organizations and individuals will recognize and celebrate NCCAPM by promoting awareness and prevention of cleft and craniofacial conditions. These conditions include orofacial birth defects as well as conditions acquired as a result of trauma, burns and disease. Materials will be made available for distribution.

Patients and families seeking information about these conditions, including causes, prevention, treatment and support, will find contact information for various participating organizations, medical teams and related supporting entities on the NCCAPM website.

The general public will be exposed to information regarding these conditions and the challenges facing patients and families.

The Alliance of NCCAPM members stand as partners in education and support.

Visit www.nccapm.org for additional information.



EDUCATE, INSPIRE, SERVE, LEAD

The mission of AmeriFace is to provide information and emotional support to individuals with facial differences and their families and increase public understanding through awareness programs and education on behalf of those we serve.

We support individuals whose facial differences are present at birth, as well as those who have acquired facial differences as a result of illness, disease or trauma, such as stroke, cancer, accident and burns.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2011

3:00 - 5:00 PM Exhibitor Only Check-In Florentine Fover Florentine D

Pick up your conference packet and the 2011 NACFC Exhibitor Guidelines at the Registration Desk. Please note the name card displayed at your table in Florentine D.

6:00 - 8:00 PM **NACFC Registration Florentine Fover**

Florentine D **Welcome Reception**

Check-in at the Registration Desk, then enjoy some meetand-greet time with conference attendees and exhibitors. Taco buffet and beverages will be served.

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7:00 - 8:30 AM **NACFC Registration Florentine Fover**

Florentine D **Breakfast** with Exhibitors

Check-in at the Registration Desk, then enjoy some meetand-greet time with conference attendees and exhibitors. A full breakfast will be served.

8:30 AM Kids' Camp Child Care Siena (Ages 0-6)

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9:00 AM Florentine F

Getting to Know You Icebreakers!

AmeriFace Staff & Volunteers

Teens (14-17), Pre-Teens (11-13) and Explorers (7-10) will participate in this very special Getting to Know You kick-off event!

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MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

9:00 AM Florentine C **NACFC Welcome** David J. Reisberg, DDS President, AmeriFace

July is Cleft & Craniofacial **Awareness & Prevention Month!**

9:00 AM Florentine C **Keynote** Isabel Garcia, DDS, MPH

Deputy Director

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

(NIDCR)

NIDCR and NIH Research and its Relevance to **Persons with Facial Differences**

Dr. Isabel Garcia will provide an overview of the NIH and NIDCR and describe NIDCR-funded projects in diverse areas of research such as craniofacial biology, genomic studies, and tissue engineering that are helping to determine the causes of various conditions and disorders that lead to facial differences. The presentation will also touch upon aspects of research and current research opportunities that may offer insights for more effective and efficient dental treatment of patients with complex diseases and disorders.

Dr. Garcia was appointed acting director of the NIDCR in August 2010. NIDCR is the federal government's largest funder of research and research training focusing on oral, dental and craniofacial diseases and disorders. As interim Director, she provided leadership for a team of ~500 scientists, administrators and support staff with an approximate annual budget of ~ \$409 million. Dr. Garcia is a career-officer with the U.S. Public Health Service and holds the rank of Rear Admiral - Lower Half. She has been NIDCR's Deputy Director since January 2007.

Dr. Garcia's experience spans 27 years of work in dental public health, research and administration at the local, state and national levels. Since joining the NIDCR in 1995 Dr. Garcia has held several positions within the Institute. She led NIDCR's science transfer efforts, directed the Institute's science planning, health policy, legislative, and evaluation programs and led the development of NIDCR's last two strategic plans. Prior to her career in the Public Health Service Dr. Garcia worked in the private sector as a clinician and later held health management positions in Virginia and Ohio.

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Dr. Garcia is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. She has served as an officer in the American Association of Public Health Dentistry's Executive Council, the Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association and the American Board of Dental Public Health. In addition to her duties as Deputy and Acting Director, Dr. Garcia directs NIDCR's Residency Program in Dental Public Health and serves as her Institutes' coordinator for International Health. She In addition to numerous honors and awards Dr. Garcia has been recognized for her role in a Presidential and Secretarial health diplomacy mission which provided health care to people in 12 countries in Latin America. She received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Mary of Michigan where she also completed a Residency in Dental Public Health.

■ 10:15 AM Florentine D

Break

Enjoy a beverage and be sure to visit the NACFC sponsors and exhibitors!

■ 10:45 - 11:45 AM Workshop Modules

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Module I - Adults

Support Networks for Adults

Debbie Oliver

Executive Director, AmeriFace

In this workshop we'll discuss how AmeriFace can best support the adult craniofacial community. We'll explore what particular types of educational and social activities are of interest to you and welcome your suggestions about future activities and outreach opportunities.

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Module II - Parents

Everything You Wanted to Know About Your Child's Teeth (But Didn't Know to Ask)

David J. Reisberg, DDS, FACP Maxillofacial Prosthetics The Craniofacial Center University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago

Proper care of your child's teeth from birth through adolescence with emphasis on special concerns relative to the cleft/craniofacial patient.

AmeriFace thanks **Shannon Osborne** of **Wee Can Sign** for her continued commitment to the NACFC! **www.weecansign.com**

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Florentine F

Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

Sign Language Fun! Shannon Osborne Wee Can Sign

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Florentine G

Module IV - Pre-Teens

(Ages 11-13)

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Florentine E

Module V - Teens

(Ages 14-17)

NetSmartz™ Internet Safety

Margarita Hughes Educational Outreach Nevada Child Seekers

It's important to be alert and safe when surfing the internet. Nevada Child Seekers has been successful in implementing this Internet Safety program for students, parents and school administrators, developed by law enforcement and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

The Wells Fargo Foundation Supports the NACFC!



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■ 11:45 - 1:00 PM On-Your-Own Lunch

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General Session

Cynthia H. Cassell, PhD

Birth Defects Branch
Division of Birth Defects and
Developmental Disabilities
National Center on Birth Defects
and Developmental Disabilities
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)

The Hows and Whys of Tracking Craniofacial Defects

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) helps support state-based birth defects surveillance systems to track birth defects, including craniofacial defects. Many states in the U.S. have birth defects surveillance programs that capture infants and children born with craniofacial defects.

This presentation will include an overview of the hows and whys of birth defects surveillance programs with a focus on craniofacial defects. The following topics will be addressed: the importance of obtaining information on craniofacial defects, the types of data sources used, and the types of data collected. This presentation also will briefly discuss what has been learned about children with craniofacial defects from CDC-sponsored activities.

Cynthia Cassell, PhD, is an epidemiologist with the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Her research focuses on health service use, costs, access to care, and long-term outcomes and consequences of children with birth defects, with a primary focus on cleft and craniofacial defects. She is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the University of North Carolina Craniofacial Center.

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Before coming to CDC, Dr. Cassell was an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and was a recipient of the 2010 March of Dimes Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award for her work on health service use, cost, and access to care for children with birth defects. Prior to her appointment at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Dr. Cassell was a statistician with the North Carolina birth defects registry for almost five years. In that position, she was the project manager for two craniofacial supplemental grants associated with the National Birth Defects Prevention Study. These grants examined health service use, cost, and barriers to care, and parental perspectives on outcomes and quality of life among children with orofacial clefts in North Carolina.

■ 1:15 - 2:15 PM Work

Workshop Modules

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Special thanks to Corey Wyman

for her unending commitment to the patients and families of AmeriFace and the NACFC!

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

■ 2:30 - 3:30 PM Workshop Modules

Florentine C Module I - Adults

Dental Management for the Adult Cleft/Craniofacial Patient

David J. Reisberg, DDS, FACP Maxillofacial Prosthetics The Craniofacial Center University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago

This workshop will provide an overview of the dental/oral concerns for the adult cleft/craniofacial patient.

Florentine G Module II – Parents

Pathfinder Outreach Workshop

Debbie Oliver Executive Director AmeriFace

The Pathfinder Outreach Network is the largest, most active support network of its kind for individuals with facial differences and their families. Pathfinders offer support and resources on a variety of subjects. Workshop topics will include communication, diversity, dissemination of information, and how to launch and maintain a support network on a local/regional basis.

Pisa Module III – Explorers' Club

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■ 2:30 - 3:30 PM Workshop Modules

Florentine F Module V – Teens

(Ages 14-17)

Beyond High School

Dionnie Martin

College Preparation Specialist

Are you preparing to attend a four-year college or university? Have you given much thought to the types of classes you're taking in high school to prepare for your higher education? Explore the possibilities and map your success starting today, because it's never too early!

■ 3:30 PM Break Florentine D

Enjoy a beverage and be sure to visit the NACFC sponsors and exhibitors!

■ 4:00 - 5:00 PM Workshop Modules

Pisa Module I – Adults

Employment/ADA Law Nevada Equal Rights Commission

Harassing someone because of his or her disability-related physical appearance is more than just bullying. When it happens on the job, it is against the law. The Americans with Disabilities Act, known as the ADA, protects qualified individuals from discrimination in employment and in matters of public accommodation due to one's disability.

Florentine C Module II - Parents

Speech & Language Development and the Cleft/Craniofacial Child

Mark S. James, MS, CCC-SLP Managing Director Therapy Management Group

In this workshop we will discuss the definitions of speech and language, typical developmental milestones, and the diverse reasons why a child with a cleft/craniofacial issue may not progress as rapidly as his/her peers.

AmeriFace appreciates Give Me A Break, Inc.

Thank you for your dedication to AmeriFace and the NACFC! www.givemeabreakinc.com

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■ 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Workshop Modules

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Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens (Ages 11-13)

Module V – Teens (Ages 14-17)

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TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

■ 7:00 - 8:30 AM NACFC Registration Florentine Foyer

Florentine D Breakfast with Exhibitors

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■ 9:00 - 10:00 AM Workshop Modules

Pisa Module I – Adults

Relationship Roundtable *A Time to Share*

Adults with facial differences will have a candid roundtable discussion about the different types of relationships we experience (family, workplace, personal), and how the way we feel about ourselves and our facial difference can affect those relationships.

Florentine C Module II – Parents

An Overview of Children's Friendship Training
Elizabeth A. Baca, MS, CCC-SLP

Touro University Nevada Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Rachel Davis, MA Advanced Doctoral Student Clinical Psychology, UNLV

Parents will be provided with a brief overview of Children's Friendship Training, an evidence-based social skills intervention that is administered in a group format and is parent-assisted. Children's Friendship Training was developed at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. This program covers such social skills as having a two-way conversation, joining in with a group of children already at play, being a good sport, being a good host/guest, and coping with bullying and teasing.

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Parents will experience the module that is designed to address coping with teasing during this session. They will be taught strategies that they can apply at home to help their child better deal with being teased. Parents will receive handouts that outline the key points addressed during this session.

Florentine F

Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens (Ages 11-13)

License Plate to Drive

Kristina Huddleston Wolfs Psychosocial Rehabilitation Coordinator Majestic Behavioral Health Marriage/Family Therapy Program, UNLV

Congratulations! You have just been given an entire state to call your own! Now it's time to name the state and design the license plates. What will the plates look? What will they say about you and the state you own?

Florentine E

Module V – Teens (Ages 14-17)

Accepting the Gray of Adolescence

Samantha Jennings, MSW Director of Family Services Cleft Palate Foundation

Life is not always black and white. It would be difficult to live in a world of extremist standards where everything is 'yes or no', 'right or wrong', 'always or never'. In the gray area of life we may find uncertainty and insecurities about all aspects of life. Learning how to accept this gray area will allow you to be flexible, open to change, and consider all options and perspectives in a life stage that is filled with numerous choices, pressures, and layered responsibilities. This workshop will present ways to use your creativity and critical thinking to challenge a black and white perspective. 'Accepting the Gray' means being content with yourself and embracing uncertainty in adolescence with confidence and assurance.

Special Thanks to Channel 13 Action News!



For continued local coverage and support of our programs and the families we serve!

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Samantha Jennings, MSW is the Director of Family Services for the Cleft Palate Foundation. Sam received her bachelor's and master's degrees of Social Work at Appalachian State University. She has provided direct services to children and families through the North Carolina Autism Society since 2008. As a member of the Watauga County Autism Initiative Task Force, Samantha co-developed and facilitated numerous services for families affected by Autism in Western North Carolina, including a weekend respite camp, a social skills group for young adults with Asperger's syndrome, and parent support groups. She continues to volunteer with the Autism Society camp programs throughout the year and co-teaches social skills groups for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

PLEASE NOTE - The following youth workshop will begin immediately, so quickly grab a beverage and let's get started...thank you!

■ 10:15 - 12:00 PM Workshop Modules

Florentine E

Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens (Ages 11-13)

Module V - Teens (Ages 14-17)

Children's Friendship Training Tease the Tease

Elizabeth A. Baca, MS, CCC-SLP Touro University Nevada Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Rachel Davis, MA Doctoral Student Clinical Psychology, UNLV

Children will participate in the Children's Friendship Training module that addresses coping with being teased. Children will learn real-life strategies that can be employed to cope with, and reduce the chances of future, teasing. This module is called "Tease the Tease." By the end of the session, children will be able to identify which strategies work to reduce the frequency and intensity of teasing that they experience.

■ 10:15 AM Florentine D

Break

Enjoy a beverage and be sure to visit the NACFC sponsors and exhibitors!

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■ 10:45 - 11:45 AM Workshop Modules

Pisa Module I – Adults

Adult Focus Group

Samantha Jennings, MSW Director of Family Services Cleft Palate Foundation

The Cleft Palate Foundation has recently developed an adult task force team consisting of medical professionals and adults affected by craniofacial differences. Through our CLEFTLINE services, online information requests, and professional relationships, CPF is aware of a lack of resources for adults. We hope to conduct a needs assessment to identify specific gaps in information and care. Please join us as we discuss common issues, concerns, and victories for adults affected by craniofacial disorders.

Florentine C Module II – Parents (ALT)

Your Early Childhood Rights and Responsibilities

Amy M. Zadorozny Developmental Specialist IV Nevada Early Intervention Svcs.

When families find they have a need for early intervention services, the laws that support these services can be confusing and overwhelming. Join us as we look at IFSPs and provide an understanding of the rights of infants, toddlers and their families.

Florentine F Module II – Parents (ALT)

A Father's Perspective
Carl Dennison

A workshop for dads only. Here's your chance to share with other fathers your personal experiences with your child's special circumstances. We will discuss the impact on our other family relationships (wife, other children, parents); role expectations and unique stressors for Dad; obstacles in securing medical and educational resources; financial pressures; as well as other areas of general interest to the group. Perhaps you've never really had the chance to talk with other fathers about your own reactions and feelings. Please join us in learning from each other!

AmeriFace Action Team

Robin Remele - Program Director Joyce Bentz - Action Team Coordinator

Kristi Branstetter • Kiku Collins • Sandi Daniels Milli Davis • Roisin Delaney • Adele Liu Robert Oliver • Patricia Bacon Smith Heather Wilson • Amanda Veazey

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■ 12:00 - 1:00 PM On-Your-Own Lunch

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■ 1:15 1 2:15 PM General Session

Florentine C

Module I - Adults Module II - Parents

Cynthia H. Cassell, PhD

Birth Defects Branch
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Timeliness of Services Among Children with Orofacial Clefts

Orofacial clefts are relatively common birth defects in the U.S. and include cleft palate alone and cleft lip with or without cleft palate. These birth defects affect about 7,000 infants each year. Children with orofacial clefts can often have problems with feeding, speech, ear infections, hearing loss, and teeth development. They frequently need specialized services to improve their health outcomes and overall quality of life.

Recommended services and treatment for children with orofacial clefts were originally outlined in the "Parameters for Evaluation and Treatment of Patients with Cleft Lip/Palate or Other Craniofacial Anomalies" by the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association (ACPA) in 1993 and were amended in 2000, 2004 and 2009. There is little research on adherence to these standards of care. This presentation will discuss the few studies on timeliness of services for children with orofacial clefts, using the North Carolina and Florida birth defect registries.

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■ 1:15 - 2:15 PM Workshop Modules

Florentine E Module III – Explorers' Club

(Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens

(Ages 11–13)

Module V - Teens

(Ages 14-17)

Be Kind!

Drew Stevens, Founder Josh Stevens Foundation

We believe in "catching" kids in the act of being genuinely kind. Josh Stevens left a legacy of kindness that lives on, as the Foundation named in his honor carries out its mission to recognize acts of kindness by children everywhere with the Kindness Card. Learn more about how you can be Kind Like losh!

■ 2:30 - 3:30 PM Workshop Modules

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(Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens (Ages 11-13)

Module V - Teens (Ages 14-17)

Gimme a Break!

AmeriFace Staff and Volunteers

It's time to take a break and have a little fun with your new friends!

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■ 3:30 PM Florentine D

Break

Enjoy a beverage and be sure to visit the NACFC sponsors and exhibitors!

■ 4:00 - 5:00 PM Workshop Modules

Florentine C Module I – Adults

Module II - Parents

Storytelling Workshop Special Guest Ben Kjar NCAA All-American Wrestler

Everyone has a story to tell, a message to bring, based on their personal experience. Special guest Ben Kjar became Utah Valley University's first-ever wrestling All-American after placing fourth at the 2011 NCAA Wrestling Division I Championships. Born with Crouzon Syndrome, Ben will share his story and will challenge you to do the same.

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■ 6:00 - 10:00 PM 20th Anniversary Florentine D Celebration Dinner

Join us for an evening of fun and frolic! A brief program will be presented during dinner and dessert, including entertainment provided by Totally Awesome Talented Kids, a production by the children and teens attending the 2011 NACFC. More music and entertainment by Mariah's Sound Occasions!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

On-Your-Own Breakfast

Rest up from the Celebration Dinner or enjoy breakfast on your own at Marilyn's Café (open 24 hours) or Beachfront Coffee (open at 6:00 AM) at the Tuscany Suites and Casino.

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Barriers to Care Among Children with Craniofacial Defects

Barriers to care among children with craniofacial defects were recently identified as an important public health research priority by convened expert panels sponsored by the CDC. Some examples of perceived barriers to care include: geographical factors, financial limitations, family health beliefs, perceptions of need, lack of appropriate referrals, experiences with stigmatization, and concerns about confidentiality. Such factors can impede health service use and affect the receipt of timely services among children with craniofacial defects.

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This presentation will include a discussion of the few past and current studies that examine access to care for children with craniofacial defects. This presentation will focus on the results from a study examining parental perspectives on barriers to care among children with orofacial clefts, using a state-wide, population-based birth defects registry.

Florentine E Module III – Explorers' Club

(Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens

(Ages 11–13)

Module V - Teens

(Ages 14-17)

Can I Get Your Autograph?

AmeriFace Staff & Volunteers

You've made lots of new friends, and we want to help you stay in touch!

■ 10:15 AM Florentine D **Break**

Enjoy a beverage and be sure to visit the NACFC sponsors and exhibitors!

■ 10:45 General Session

Florentine C Planning for the Future

Robert R. Froehlich Financial Advisor Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Learn how to best plan for your child's future education needs, providing the greatest opportunities for their academic growth regardless of the medical challenges they may face in their young life. We will discuss 529 college savings plans, as well as the value of long term financial planning and special needs trusts.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

■ 10:45 - 11:45 AM Workshop Modules

Florentine G

Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

Module IV - Pre-Teens (Ages 11-13)

Module V – Teens (Ages 14-17)

Achieving Goals on the Road to Leadership Leland Brandon

Leland Brandon Master Instructor Kidz Matter

This dynamic and interactive workshop will teach children and teens how to set and achieve goals and understand how to develop the skills required for Leadership.

The founders of Kidz Matter are experts in child development training. With over 40 years of combined experience, they have developed and implemented programs that have impacted the lives of thousands of children. Their programs focus on the development of physical, mental, and character-building skills, which contribute to life-long success. Learn more about Empowering Children for Success at www.mykidzmatter.com.

■ 11:45 AM Florentine D

Buffet Lunch

Join us for a hearty pizza lunch buffet! Complete your conference evaluation form and return it to a staff member for a free raffle ticket! Explorers, Pre-Teens and Teens should complete an evaluation form, as well, to include their personal views about the NACFC event.

One evaluation form/raffle ticket per conference attendee, please. The drawing will be held at our afternoon farewell gathering.

■ 1:00 PM Siena

Kids' Camp Child Care (Ages 0-6)

Child care is available for NACFC participants only. Please do not leave the Tuscany Suites & Casino premises if your child is in the care of our volunteers/staff. A signed waiver is required. Please pick up your child(ren) immediately following the afternoon joint session, scheduled to end approximately 4:30 PM. Families will be together for tasty treats, raffle prizes, gift bags and final farewells at a reception in Florentine D.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

■ 1:15

General Session

Florentine C

Sensory-Cognitive Processing and Its Impact on Reading and Comprehension

Monica Daggs, MA, JD Center Director Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes Las Vegas, NV

This presentation will discuss some of the causes of and solutions for learning challenges - including the symptoms of dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADD/ADHD, and autism spectrum disorders. The presentation will also discuss how Lindamood-Bell® instruction develops the specific mental processes that underlie reading, comprehension, and math.

Lindamood-Bell is an internationally recognized leader in the research and development of programs for language and literacy development. Their Learning Centers specialize in one-to-one instruction based on the individual's learning needs; through diagnostic evaluation, specific strengths and weaknesses can be identified and remediated. Lindamood-Bell also collaborates with hundreds of schools to provide innovative instructional programs, professional development, and consulting. Lindamood-Bell has received national recognition from CNN, Newsweek, Time, US News and World Report and the neuroscience journal Neuron, along with being featured on the PBS special The Secret Life of the Brain. More information on Lindamood-Bell is available online at www.lindamoodbell.com.

Ms. Daggs began working with young adults while attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to her numerous volunteer activities, she worked as Program Manager for the non-profit organization, Sisterhood Agenda, Inc., where she implemented its acclaimed self-development program for at-risk adolescent girls titled, "A Journey Toward Womanhood." Upon earning her M.A. in Psychology from North Carolina Central University, she moved to Baltimore, MD, where she worked as a school psychologist for the city's public school system. After working for six years in youth development, she attended Duke University School of Law and began a career as an attorney focused on labor and employment law. She soon realized she missed working with children and young adults. Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes allowed Ms. Daggs become a member of the education community once again. She has served as the Center Director for Lindamood-Bell's Las Vegas, NV Learning Center since it opened in 2007 and established the Henderson, NV Seasonal Intensive Learning Center in 2010.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

■ 1:15 - 2:15 AM Workshop Modules

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Module III – Explorers' Club (Ages 7-10)

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Module V – Teens (Ages 14-17)

Storytelling Workshop Special Guest Ben Kjar NCAA All-American Wrestler

Everyone has a story to tell, a message to bring, based on their personal experience. Special guest Ben Kjar became Utah Valley University's first-ever wrestling All-American after placing fourth at the 2011 NCAA Wrestling Division I Championships. Born with Crouzon Syndrome, Ben will share his story and will challenge you to do the same.

■ 2:30 - 3:30 PM General Session

Florentine C

Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery Jeff E. Moxley, DDS, PC Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Diplomate American Board of Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery

We will discuss the role of the oral/maxillofacial surgeon on the cleft/craniofacial team, various types of oral/maxillofacial surgery, when jaw surgery and/or distraction osteogenesis might be indicated and state-of-theart procedures.

Florentine G

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Let's get this party started! While the adults are attending the last educational session of the conference, we have something planned for our fabulous children and teens as a kick-off to the Farewell Reception!

■ 3:30 PM Farewell Reception

We'll wrap up the 2011 North American Craniofacial Family Conference with farewells, a raffle and lots of great surprises! Oh, and some sweet treats for the road!

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011 (OPTIONAL)

Get together with your new friends and see the sights of Southern Nevada. Or maybe you'll just hang out at the pool. Whatever your mood, there's plenty to do in Las Vegas before you travel home...enjoy!

NACFC Photography/Videography – Please be prepared to sign a waiver and release pertaining to video and photographs taken by official event photographers, both contracted and volunteer. AmeriFace, cleftAdvocate, and NACFC presenters, sponsors and vendors will utilize event video and photographs in press releases, promotional materials and newsletters. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the NACFC Registration Desk (Florentine Foyer). Your name badge will be appropriately and inconspicuously tagged to alert our official event photographer that you do not wish to be photographed.

This program is subject to change without notice.

Family Portraits! During our 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Tuesday night, be sure to have your portrait taken, courtesy of Witzel Photography. Family sittings, couples, individuals...it's up to you! After the conference, you will receive one complimentary digital file from your photo session, and prints can be purchased directly from Witzel Photography. For more information, go to www.witzelphotography.com or call at (702) 375-3733. Many thanks to the lovely and talented Ms. Diane Witzel!

Drink Plenty of Water! We have an extremely dry climate here in Las Vegas, so make an extra effort to keep yourself hydrated. During your stay, drink plenty of water, and limit sugary drinks and alcoholic beverages. Please make sure your children are well-hydrated, too!

Don't Jaywalk! Every year many tourists are killed or injured as they cross Las Vegas streets outside of marked pedestrian crossings. Please cross at major intersections and obey the pedestrian traffic signals. Hold the hands of young children and utilize pedestrian crossovers on the Strip. Stay safe!

Watch Your Valuables! It's very easy to be distracted with all the great things going on at the NACFC, but don't forget to secure your valuables. While we have security personnel on-site, AmeriFace is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

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Become a Pathfinder - Join our family of volunteers across the country and around the world at the Pathfinder Outreach Network! Visit http://pathfinders.ameriface.org for more information on the largest, most active support program for the cleft/craniofacial community and how you can join the team.

Time-sensitive support opportunities include:

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Macy's Shop for a Cause shopping passes are available here at the NACFC and on-line at www. ameriface.org/macys.html for a minimum donation of \$5.00. Your Macy's Shop for a Cause pass is good at ANY Macy's store and on-line at Macys.com for 25% off ALL DAY on regular, sale & clearance items, and 10% off furniture, electronics and more on August 27, 2011!!

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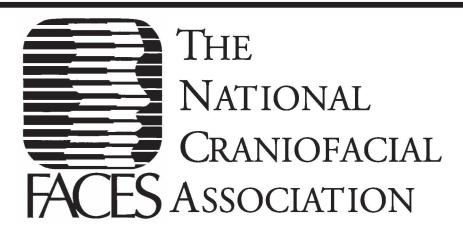
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Danya would like to thank cleftAdvocate for supporting the Facing Cleft project.

Funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Danya is developing Facing Cleft, a resource guide designed to support parents of children with cleft lip and palate from infancy through adolescence. Danya is currently recruiting parents of children born with a cleft lip and/or palate to participate in evaluations of this program throughout this summer. Please contact us at facingcleft@danya.com or visit the cleftAdvocate website for more information.

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What is Moebius Syndrome?

Moebius Syndrome is a rare disorder characterized by lifetime facial paralysis. People with Moebius Syndrome can't smile or frown, and they often can't blink or move their eyes from side to side. The most apparent symptoms are related to facial expressions and function. In newborn infants, the first sign is an impaired ability to suck. Excessive drooling and crossed eyes may be present. Two important nerves - the sixth and seventh cranial nerves - are not fully developed, causing eye muscle and facial paralysis. Many of the other 12 cranial nerves may also be affected. In addition, there can be deformities of the tongue and jaw, and even of some limbs, including club foot and missing or webbed fingers. Most children have low muscle tone, particularly of the upper body. Moebius Syndrome is sometimes accompanied by Pierre Robin Syndrome, Poland's Anomaly and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

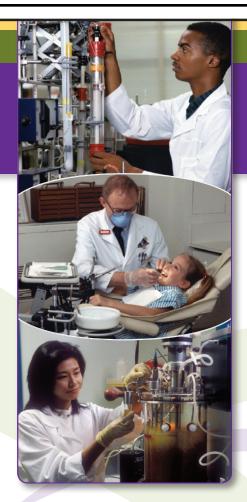
The mission of the Moebius Syndrome Foundation is to provide information and support to individuals with Moebius Syndrome and their families, promote greater awareness and understanding of Moebius Syndrome, and to advocate for scientific research to advance the diagnosis and treatment of Moebius Syndrome and its associated conditions.



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