

The Satcher Health Leadership Institute



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Center for Family Life Education
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Dear Conferees,

On behalf of the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health (CESH) in the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine (SHLI/MSM), I commend the Center for Family Life Education on convening the 2013 National Sex Ed Conference. This conference continues to set the standard of excellence for sexuality educators from across the United States to gather together and share important work in our field. The Center for Family Life Education continues to make significant contributions in promoting sexual health and well-being in America.

We at CESH remain committed to our mission of raising the level of national dialogue on human sexuality, sexual health and well-being in a sustained, informed, honest, mature and respectful way and linking that dialogue with actions that reflect both scientific evidence and deeply-held beliefs.

Over this past year, we were pleased to assemble a group of thought leaders in the area of sexuality education to begin the process of developing a curriculum for parents and caregivers to talk with their children about sexual health. It was clear to all of us in CESH that the Center for Family Life Education under Bill Taverner's leadership needed to be at the table. Collaborating with partners like CFLE that are committed to this need is imperative to the success of this project. This curriculum will fill a critical gap in sexuality education for parents and caregivers and provide a much-needed set of resources to help raise future generations of sexually healthy young people.

The Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine brings leaders together through consensus-building and encourages all of us to work together to find common ground on issues around sexual health that is inclusive of all perspectives. As leaders in our field, we must rise to the challenge of listening to one another and building bridges toward a safer, healthier future for us all.

This year's National Sex Ed Conference agenda proves to be an exciting opportunity to continue learning from and among leaders in the field of sexuality education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Thrasher", is written over a circular stamp.

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