

Southwestern Institute for the
Education of Native Americans

Mission: To provide the resources necessary for Native American students to get the best education they can in a culturally rich environment that promotes health and well-being.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION CONFERENCE

September 27, 2008
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
60 E. Fifth Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Conference goal: The goal of the Early Childhood Intervention Conference is to provide interactive workshops for parents of urban Indian children in grades pre-kindergarten through 3rd. These workshops are designed to heighten awareness of ways in which parents can better prepare their children for the challenges in life. Emphasis will be placed on behavior, coping skills, peer relations, health, and community.

Mission: The mission is to increase and enhance parental involvement in the lives of Arizona's Native children at the early stages of their educational experiences. Participants can grow from the experience by knowing that they are understood and have support, and that they have more information, skills, and power to help their children grow into well-educated and healthy individuals.

Keynote Presentation: *Setting the Agenda for Early Childhood Programs for Indigenous Children* – Dr. Michael Niles, Co-Director – Office of American Indian Projects, Arizona State University.

Workshops/Panel Discussions (subject to change):

The Shadow Project: A Family Intervention Model – This workshop will emphasize to participants how important it is to be an engaged parent, especially at the early stages of childhood. It focuses on substance abuse, alcohol abuse, and drop-out prevention via parental involvement.

The Arts in Early Childhood Intervention – To succeed in today's economy of ideas, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and motion to communicate. The arts provide the skills and knowledge students need to develop the creativity and determination necessary for success in today's global information age. This workshop will provide parents avenues in which they can get their children involved in the arts.

The Prevention of Childhood Obesity – This presentation will teach parents the ways in which childhood obesity and, therefore, health problems such as diabetes, can be prevented. Tools for providing healthier meals and incorporating healthy activities into their children's lives will be included.

Special Education Training for Parents – This session will answer questions regarding the special education process, evaluation, individual education program, appropriate placement, transition services and discipline. In addition, parents will be provided with practical advice and strategies for developing self-advocacy skills.

More are currently in development!

Conference Schedule: September 27, 2008

Time	Event
7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Keynote Presentation
9:05 – 10:20 a.m.	First Session
10:35 – 11:50 a.m.	Second Session
11:55 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Lunch – Drawing for Door Prizes
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Third Session
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Fourth Session

Registration Fee: \$35 if received by 8/26/08; \$45 if received by 9/10/08; \$55 if received from 9/11/08 – 9/25/08. Use one registration form for each applicant. There are no refunds. Substitutes are accepted. We accept checks, money orders, or purchase orders. You may fax purchase orders to 602-542-3100. Mail to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067. You may also pay on-line at www.SIENA-AZ.org.

Food: Continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and morning and afternoon break stations are included in the registration fee.

Vendor/Exhibitor Booths: Space is available at \$100 per booth. Vendors and exhibitors will have exposure to Tempe Mission Palms Hotel guests as well as conference participants.

Contact Information: For information on any of the above, contact Nadine Groenig at 623-670-3561 or Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org.

Announcing the
SIENA Kids Club!

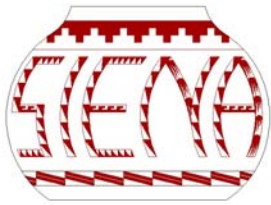
Sign up your kids to be the first members of the SIENA Kids Club! It's only \$8.00 a year for students 17 years old and younger. Membership includes a membership card, a SIENA t-shirt, back pack, and school supplies.

SIENA Kids will have the opportunity to participate in community activities as well as special SIENA projects. As part of the application for membership, a questionnaire must be completed and submitted for each student. SIENA will use the information to design services for its Kids Club members and ways in which they can participate in SIENA activities and projects.

The **SIENA Kids Club** application is included with conference registration form.

Payment may be included with conference registration. Please indicate this on the **SIENA Kids Club** application at the bottom.

Various levels of SIENA membership will soon be available on SIENA's web site at www.SIENA-AZ.org.



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Registration Form

A signed form is required for each participant.

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	E-mail:		
# of children in grades pre-kindergarten through 3 rd grade:		List their school(s) below.	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Special needs request: _____

Registration Fees: Early Bird - \$35 if received or postmarked by August 26, 2008
Regular - \$45 if received or postmarked from August 27 thru Sept. 10, 2008
Late - \$55 if received or postmarked from Sept. 11 thru 25, 2008

NOTE: No refunds; substitutes are accepted.

Complete this portion once for each group of registrants for which you are paying.	
Number of registrants: _____ X \$_____ = \$_____ (total submitted)	

Method of payment: Check/money order Purchase Order # _____
 On-line @ www.SIENA-AZ.org Fax P.O. to 602-542-3100

We accept checks, money orders, and purchase orders. Please make checks/money orders payable to **SIENA**. Mail to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067. You may also pay on-line at www.SIENA-AZ.org.

I agree on my behalf to indemnify SIENA and not sue SIENA or other organizations and their authorized volunteers involved with the Early Childhood Intervention conference and its affiliated activities for all damages, harm, or injuries associated with my participation, observation or travel if the harm, injury or damage is not due to negligence or fault of SIENA or the Early Childhood Intervention conference affiliates. I understand that the Early Childhood Intervention conference and other activities associated with the conference are voluntary and I agree to accept the responsibility for my personal safety.

By signing below, I authorize SIENA and the Arizona Department of Education to film, videotape, photograph or otherwise record my own or my child's participation in the Early Childhood Intervention conference and its affiliated activities and to reproduce and use the film, videotape, or recordings and my likeness, voice and brief biographical material in connection with non-commercial promotional activities, materials, websites or media releases related to the Early Childhood Intervention conference or SIENA.

Parent/Legal Guardian (print):		Date:
Signature:		
In case of emergency, enter contact name(s):		
Name:	Relationship:	
Phone #1:	Phone #2:	

SIENA Kids Club!

Membership Application (See page two for club details.)

Student Name (print):		Grade:	Age:
Address:		T-shirt size (circle): S M L XL	
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	E-mail:		
School:			
District:			
Student signature:			Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian (print):			
Signature:			Date:

The annual membership fee of \$8.00 includes a SIENA membership card, t-shirt, backpack and school supplies. To receive these items at the Leadership Conference, payment must be received by 9/10/08.

Complete the following questionnaire:

1. What career or job you want to have after you have finished school?

2. Do you plan to go to college? If so, which one? (Technical school included.)

3. What kind of academic assistance do you need? Writing? Math? Reading? Science?

4. Do you excel academically? If so, in what subject(s)?

5. Do you like to draw, paint, or take pictures? List which ones apply to you.

6. Would you like to participate in a creative project for SIENA?

Yes No

7. Do you like sports or physical fitness activities? If so, what kind?

8. Would you like to participate in a SIENA sponsored outdoor experience or sporting event?

Yes No

9. Would you like to serve on SIENA's Youth Advisory Council? Yes No

Submit completed form and \$8.00 payment made out to **SIENA** to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067-3156. A signed form must be completed with each individual application. *Thank you!*

Payment is included in conference registration payment: Yes No