School Psychology: Creating Our Future(s)
Register as a Group Host Site
or as an Individual Attendee for the
Fall 2012 School Psychology Futures Conference

Dear School Psychology Practitioners, Faculty Members, Graduate Students, and Others:

The major national and international school psychology organizations are planning the 2012 School Psychology Futures Conference, which will be held ONLINE during the fall of 2012. The goal of the conference is to plan for the future of school psychology with respect to Advocacy, Critical Skills, and Leadership.

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE!

There is no charge for registration or any fee associated with the conference. We encourage school psychology faculty members, graduate students, interns, practitioners, and others to attend the conference, either in groups or individually and register in advance at the Futures Conference website (http://www.indiana.edu/~futures/).

You can organize an international, national, state, association, university, or local group. Also, you can attend as an individual. We encourage participants to collaborate with others to create action plans to improve Advocacy, Critical Skills, and Leadership within our profession. Each group and individual attendee will receive a detailed School Psychology Futures Handbook with suggested steps to follow in preparing for the conference, attending the live webcasts or watching archived sessions, generating action plans, implementing the plans, and reporting on progress.

When will the conference take place?

- **Monday, October 8, 2012**, 3:30 to 5:00 pm (Eastern time zone; GMT -5), Topic: Leadership by School Psychologists
- **Friday, October 26, 2012**, 3:30 to 5:00 pm (Eastern time zone; GMT -5), Topic: Critical Skills of School Psychologists
- **Saturday, November 10, 2012**, 3:30 to 5:00 pm (Eastern time zone; GMT -5), Topic: Advocacy by School Psychologists

The live broadcasts will be 90 minutes in length, each from 3:30 to 5:00 pm (Eastern; GMT -5) and will include keynote, featured, and panel presentations and opportunities for comments and questions by attendees. All background materials will be posted at the Futures Conference website at least two weeks prior to the live session. Attendees will have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions during the live presentations.
Note: If the times of the live broadcasts are not convenient, groups and individuals may view the archived versions of the webcast presentations. The archived versions will be available [Futures Conference website](#) within 24 hours after the scheduled live presentations.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUALS**

INDIVIDUAL practitioners, graduate students, faculty, and others can attend through their own work or home laptops, desktops, or mobile devices during the live webcasts or archived webcasts following the conference. If you would like to attend the conference as an individual, register in advance through our conference registration form. Please share this registration information with other interested colleagues.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FOR GROUP SITES**

We want to encourage local group sites. For example, groups of school psychology practitioners, students/faculty in graduate programs, joint practitioner/graduate program groups, intern cohorts in school districts, etc., will benefit from attending the conference in real time, or viewing archived webcasts later, as a group. Your local group can meet together to view the live conference webcasts and hold discussions and problem-solving sessions to contribute to the future of school psychology. If viewing the live conference sessions will not work for your schedule or university, archived viewing of conference presentations will be available after the live sessions.

The main objective of these groups is to complete the activities in the handbook, which will provide activities for groups to:

- Process information from the webcast presentations with local colleagues
- Translate the information to your local context;
- Analyze the information to develop action plans; and
- Implementation and evaluate local action plans.

If you would like to host a group site, please read on and also register your group site in advance through our conference registration form.

**Why host a group site?**

- Contribute to the future direction of the field and explore innovative goals in school psychology.
- Develop new collaborative efforts within your community and strengthen existing collaborations. A primary mission of the 2012 Futures Conference is to stimulate discussion at local, state/provincial, national, and international levels.
- Use the conference to strengthen bonds among local practitioners, graduate students, faculty, and others. At a gathering hosted by a school district, graduate program, or other organization, school psychologists can examine their local professional and community contexts and discuss ways to collaborate. View it as an opportunity to make new friendships and renew old.
- Use the conference presentations to enhance or supplement continuing professional development training, courses in a school psychology program, etc. Groups may use the live or archived presentations as part of meetings, conferences, inservices, study groups, classes, and seminars. It is an opportunity to introduce prominent scholars and practitioners to your group. The sessions on advocacy, leadership, and critical skills will be relevant for many groups.
During the live or archived broadcasts for your group

As a host site, you have the opportunity to schedule time before and/or after the broadcasts. It is advisable to schedule arrival of your participants at least 30 minutes prior to the broadcast. This pre-meeting will serve as an opportunity for introductions and discussion of the session background materials. During the pre-meeting you may wish to discuss the applicability of the background materials to your local context.

While viewing the session(s) live, your group will have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Use the chat function at the bottom of the screen to post your comments and questions.

Following a live or archived broadcast session, there will be suggested stimulus questions that your group may discuss to explore local issues and strategies. Similar to attendance at a conference, participants at your group site may enjoy snacks and refreshments, before, during, or after the broadcast sessions. The goal is to make participants comfortable.

Let us know you will host a site

Notify us that you wish to host a site. Let us know the nature of the group and who will be the primary contact by completing the online registration form. If you grant permission on the registration form, we will put the name of your group, location, and the contact person on the Futures Conference website. After each session, send us pictures of your gathering and we will post them on the Futures Conference website as well. In order to evaluate the impact of the conference, we want group sites to register so we know how many sites and the nature of those sites. There is no charge for registration or any fee associated with the conference.

No special equipment needed to host a site

What is needed to host a group site:

• Classroom or large conference room with chairs, desks/tables;
• Projector or large screen monitor;
• Computer with a common internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox; and
• Speakers so you can hear the presenters.

To test your setup:

• Visit the Indiana University testing page;
• Enter the meeting room as a guest;
• Type your name, university/school district/ into the box for “Name”; and
• Use the chat function at the bottom of the screen to let us know you successfully entered.

What to do right away to host a group site:

1) Collaborate with faculty, graduate students, and/or local practitioners to form a group;
2) Register in advance on the Future Conference registration form; note that group sites as well as individuals can register;
3) Reserve a classroom or meeting room with your scheduling officer or administrative assistant;
4) Keep group members informed of dates and other details about participating in your group site.