**Call for Proposals**

Forging the Partnership:  2011 DoD/USDA Family Resilience Conference

April 26-29, 2011

Hyatt Regency Chicago

151 East Wacker Drive

Chicago, Illinois

Jointly planned by the Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Land Grant Universities, **Forging the Partnership: 2011 DoD/USDA Family Resilience Conference** will focus on effective practices and procedures to strengthen programs for families.  The conference is being held in lieu of a separate CYFAR Conference 2011 and is a follow-up to 2009 DoD Joint Family Readiness Conference.

**Forging the Partnership 2011** is a unique opportunity to forge partnerships between the DoD, NIFA and the Land Grant Universities.  The conference will:

* Create a national forum for helping professionals, educators, family support staff, health care providers, and key partners to share effective practices, resources, tools, and processes
* Provide a forum for the presentation of current research, expert panels, keynotes by nationally known experts, exhibitors and workshops
* Facilitate strategic planning among professionals serving military families

Cathann Kress and Betsy Graham, Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP), and Lisa Lauxman, Lindsey Jewell, and Dawn Brunson, 4-H National Headquarters chair a Conference Committee comprised of both DoD and CYFAR partners.

The 2011 Conference Committee invites you to participate in this unique conference by submitting proposals for Workshops, Computer Labs, Research Posters, and Program Showcase Exhibits.  Proposals for presentation at **Forging the Partnership 2011** (April 27-29) are due **November 3, 2010**.

The Call for Proposals can be found at <http://fycs.ifas.ufl.edu/call/> or through the conference website at: <http://www1.cyfernet.org/partnership2011/>

If you have any questions about the submission of proposals, the various presentation formats, or some aspect of the conference, please contact me at [jm62@cornell.edu](mailto:jm62@cornell.edu).  We look forward to receiving your proposal and to greeting you personally at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

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