



CALL FOR PRESENTERS
One-day Conference
Friday, March 27, 2009, 9am-3pm

PREVAIL-RESPECT (P-R) and The Columbus Urban League Transitions Program are planning the 2009 *Tell It Like it Is* series national professional and community conference with the title: **Victimectomy¹: No More Excuses**. The conference will be marketed under the themes of health, wellness, development, and safety: personal, spiritual, family, financial, mental, physical, and community. The event will be held on **March 27, 2009**, Columbus, Ohio.

The historic 2008 Presidential Election left many Americans believing that “yes we can” make some important changes in our personal and public lives. Our selection of this theme reflects this mindset. We have choices to make for our lives without delay.

P-R believes that you have knowledge, expertise, and experiences that touch on this title and themes. In addition, we have personal knowledge of your presentation skills and passion about issues pertaining to diverse Americans. We are “Calling for Presenters” to share their insights, research and experiences in the following areas:

- The same old excuses won’t work anymore
- What’s up with our economy?
- Destructive forces that limit choices
- **When you can’t pay the bills, what to do?**
- When you can’t afford it: Challenging your cultural perspective
- Where to get help in gaining self-control, self-discipline, and maintaining sanity
- Health and nutrition are important to your economic future
- Managing internal/external pressures
- Behaviors that tear down and build up our economy
- Avoiding Waste: Economic realities of Evictions (material, emotional, social, physical, mental)

Your roles as educator, human resource expert, social worker, activist, politician, business owner, community leader, and advocate are all important to this endeavor. Our goals are to expose the general public: adults and youth who are doing well and those who are struggling to **the facts/realities of managing our income, seeking an income, and building incomes**. We desire to enlighten those who want to know how we all are involved in being financially responsible for ourselves and for our varied communities.

¹ **Victim**-a person who suffers from a destructive or injurious action or agency; **ectomy**-an excision of a specified part. Combined together “victimectomy” mean removal of the victim.



SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Academics/Scholars: Please send an abstract (100 words or less) of your paper, presentation, or panel description with your bio and names of all participants, affiliation, academic title, title of paper/panel and main purpose to PREVAIL-RESPECT via email or letter **by February 1, 2009.**

Community Servants/ Activists: Please send a summary (100 words or less) of your title of presentation/panel, purpose, and target audience with your bio and names of all participants, affiliation, your professional or community title, to PREVAIL-RESPECT via email or letter **by February 1, 2009.**

Please only send in your materials if you plan to register and be present to participate on the program **You will receive notification of confirmation by February 28. If you need earlier confirmation, please send in your abstract/summary earlier.** **Note:** rather than ask presenters to pay, we are asking that presenters make a registration donation to cover our scholarships for adults and youth registration requests.

COST: \$25 advance adult; \$15 advance senior; \$10 advance youth **by March 2nd or ASAP.**

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS IN PROCESS

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