



**Sunday, March 25, 2012 / 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

### **BACW Pre-Conference Institute**

"Emerging Diverse African Diaspora Populations in Child Welfare Systems: CULTURE MATTERS"

This institute will provide human service practitioners, administrators, and policy makers with relevant cultural information that will increase one's knowledge of cultural traditions within the emerging populations of Continental African, and African Caribbean/Haitian children/youth within the child welfare systems. Institute presenters will promote interactive dialogue for appropriate ways of applying knowledge based on cultural traditions.

#### **PRESENTERS**

Katéy Assem, M.S.W. (Ghanian Ancestry), President, Chicago State University Foundation

Hulbert James, M.S., M.A. (Virgin Islander Ancestry), National Coordinator, Diaspora Coalition

Marie-Paule Woodson, Director, Human Services Division, Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department, Child Development Services Bureau

Leonard G. Dunston, M.S.W. (African American), Convener, Black Family Summit/IBW

Olatunde Olusesi, Ph.D., (Nigerian Ancestry), Vice President, Nigerian Social Work Association

Rachel Pierre, M.S.W. (Haitian Ancestry), Entrepreneur/Consultant