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The Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois and Lotus Rising Foundation™ are proud to co-sponsor

## *Exploring Diversity: Beyond Race, Color, and Creed*

**DATE:** Thursday, August 4, 2011  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Chicago-Kent College of Law  
565 W. Adams Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
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***Continuing Education\* for Attorneys, Mental Health Professionals, and Financial Professionals  
Designed to Increase Sensitivity, Awareness, & Skills***



**Dr. Carl C. Bell, MD**, is President and CEO of the Community Mental Health Council (CMHC) & Foundation, Inc. in Chicago. CMHC is a large multi-million dollar comprehensive community mental health center employing numerous social service geniuses. Dr. Bell is also Clinical Professor of Psychiatry & Public Health, and Director of the Institute for Juvenile Research (IJR) for the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). IJR is a century old, multi-million dollar academic institute providing child and family research, training, and service, employing numerous academic faculty and support staff. During the past 40 years, he has published more than 450 articles, chapters, and books on mental health and authored *The Sanity of Survival*. He has been interviewed by Ebony; Jet; Essence; Emerge; New York Times; Chicago Tribune Magazine; People Magazine; Chicago Reporter; "Nightline", ABC News; NPR; "CBS Sunday Morning"; "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer", the Tom Joyner "Morning Show"; "Chicago Tonight", and "The Today Show." A 1967 graduate of UIC, he earned his MD from Meharry College in Nashville, Tennessee in 1971. He completed his psychiatric residency in 1974 at the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute/Institute for Juvenile Research in Chicago.

\*MCLE General and Professionalism credits will be available for attorneys as well as continuing education units for financial professionals. Application has been submitted to co-sponsor, Margaret S. Powers & Associates, and is pending approval for Counselor and Social Work CEUs.

**Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois** also proudly introduces its **Pro Bono Project** initially partnering with:

- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)
- Legal Aid Foundation (LAF) and
- Legal Aid Bureau (LAB)

a pilot program, **the first of its kind in the nation**, that will provide Collaborative Law services to low income families in **paternity** and **divorce** matters and seeks to replicate the program in the counties of **DuPage**, **Kane**, and **McHenry**.

### **REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIVERSITY TRAINING**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Check ONLY \$100 (early)/\$125 (late) registration:**

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### *Model for Transcendence*

The Lotus Rising Foundation promotes the *Listen*, *Learn*, and *Love* model of transcendence for individual and collective action towards a journey of strength, courage, and healing.

#### *Listen*

Hear the words  
Observe the behaviors  
Tolerate the emotions  
Note the body language  
Read between the lines  
Look past the obvious

#### *Learn*

Understand the cycle  
Investigate the histories  
Know the culture  
Study the religion  
Chart the dynamics  
Identify the power structures  
Gain insight into mental health issues

#### *Love*

Provide support  
Hold offender accountable  
Establish safety plan  
Minimize conflict  
Maximize healing  
Encourage treatment



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*Creative pathways  
to transcending  
oppression & violence*

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## Mission

To promote creative pathways to transcending oppression and violence in ethnically and culturally diverse communities, with particular focus on raising social consciousness and inspiring individual and collective action towards prevention, intervention, and healing.

## Goals

Bringing Lotus Rising Foundation's Mission to life requires us to passionately pursue the following goals:

- To plan and implement a public awareness campaign that highlights the social, economic, cultural, religious, institutional, and systemic forces that serve to *support*, *empower*, and *transform* individuals and families contending with oppression and violence.
- To collaborate with cultural groups, religious institutions, educators, policy-makers, law enforcement officials, health care workers, mental health professionals, and members of the legal and business communities towards *creative*, *holistic*, and *sustainable* change.
- To provide access to information for professional, financial, mediation, legal, and support services in both the public and private sector, that seek to uplift individuals and families desiring to *transcend*, *flourish*, and *thrive*.



## Symbol of the Lotus

Unaffected by its surroundings and the darkness of night, The Lotus rises out of the muddy swamp a beautiful white bloom. The Lotus is the only plant to fruit and flower simultaneously. This symbol of purity and peace lives in shallow-waters able to keep its night-blossom flowers open all the way until midday.

The visual power of the words "Lotus" and "Rising" carry rich symbolic meaning for The Foundation.

Primitive peoples, ancient Egyptians, and Buddhists of India, Tibet, and China all consider Lotus flowers sacred symbols of immortality and resurrection. They are an important element of auspicious ceremonies. The Lotus flower has symbolized spiritual enlightenment for thousands of years. The purpose of the flower's essence is to accelerate spiritual evolution and enhance healing.

The Lotus offers one of the highest vibrations of any flower. Animals, even those who have been badly abused or neglected, rise easily to the highest vibration presented to them. An offering of Lotus essence gives one the power to rise above oppression and fear of the past. (Source: [www.lighthouse123.com](http://www.lighthouse123.com))

The Lotus Rising Foundation seeks to support persons of all ethnicities and cultures as they transcend oppression and violence, heal the wounds of the past, and evolve into the beautiful serene white Lotus flowers they have the potential to be.