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Reproductive Health Collective**  
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# SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health & Sexual Rights NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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We invite you to attend the first SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights National Conference. SisterSong is organizing this conference to bring together women of color activists, direct service providers, policymakers, and allies to discuss and develop strategies to improve the reproductive health of women of color in the United States. Women of color have not come together in a national conference to discuss these issues since 1989. In these fourteen years, it has become even more difficult to get health care, especially reproductive health care. Recent studies estimate that of 36 million women of color, almost 9 million are uninsured.

In 1997, sixteen organizations representing four women of color communities – African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latina/Hispanic and Native American/Indigenous formed the *SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective*. The groups provide direct services and/or advocacy in communities of color. The

issues we work on include midwifery, AIDS services, abortion and contraceptive services, clinical research, human rights advocacy, sexually transmitted diseases and reproductive tract infections.



Our main goal for this conference is to build a movement of women of color to save our lives by gaining access to quality health care and to ensure our rights to power over our own bodies. As women of color we must also address the racism, poverty, homelessness, lack of access to public health care services and the denial of human rights that are the root causes of many problems in our communities.

SisterSong invites you to join us as we work in our communities to build a movement that includes a wide spectrum of ethnicities and sexualities. We look forward to a time when our sisters and our families can live in good health and freedom of choice.

## Conference Objectives

- ♥ To build a national network of women of color activists to raise awareness about Sexual Rights and Reproductive Health issues affecting women of color in the United States.
- ♥ To bring together women of color organizations, policymakers, advocates and health care providers to promote a human rights based approach to Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights.
- ♥ To focus on young women's sexual rights and reproductive health in every facet of the conference.
- ♥ To facilitate networking, skills development, exchange of information, and development of allies.
- ♥ To celebrate the achievements of women of color who have worked on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights issues throughout U.S. history.

*Our venue will accommodate only 500 conference participants, so we recommend early registration. You may register on-line using a credit card at [www.sistersong.net](http://www.sistersong.net)*

## Conference Topics Include

- ◆ U.S. Foreign Policies and Population Control
- ◆ Reaching Latinos on Reproductive Health Issues
- ◆ Racism in the Women's Movement
- ◆ Violating Reproductive Rights of Women of Color Globally
- ◆ Barriers, Restrictions, Abuses and Health Access for Women of Color
- ◆ Abstinence Education for Women of Color
- ◆ Incarcerated Women's Reproductive Rights
- ◆ Midwifery and Women of Color
- ◆ Documenting the History of Women of Color Activists
- ◆ HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Rights
- ◆ Human Rights, Race and Gender
- ◆ Microbicides and AIDS Prevention
- ◆ Mental Health and Reproductive Health
- ◆ Teen Pregnancy, Sexuality and Motherhood
- ◆ Abortion Access for Women of Color
- ◆ Building Coalitions in Communities of Color
- ◆ Health Advocacy Models for Older Teens and Young Women
- ◆ Queer Issues and Reproductive Rights
- ◆ Endometriosis and Fibroids
- ◆ Asian American and Pacific Islander Reproductive Health Issues
- ◆ Women and War: An Issue of Reproductive Health
- ◆ Fuerza Unida – Mothers and Daughters Discussing Sex and Reproductive Rights
- ◆ Gender-Based Violence and Human Rights in South Africa
- ◆ C.R.A.C.K. Population Control: Robbing Marginalized Women of Their Fertility
- ◆ New Reproductive Technologies and Women of Color
- ◆ Environmental Racism and Population Control
- ◆ Mobilizing and Organizing Men as Allies
- ◆ Access to Termination of Pregnancy Services in South Africa
- ◆ Emergency Contraception: What Does it Mean for Women of Color?
- ◆ From the Hyde Amendment to Marriage Promotion: Federal Intrusion into the Lives of Women of Color
- ◆ The Boarding School Healing Project and Native American Communities
- ◆ Generation Hip Hop: A Movement for Social and Political Change
- ◆ Dissin' Mammy and the Welfare Queen
- ◆ Eliminating Disparities in Reproductive Health in State and Federal Policies
- ◆ Beyond the Politics of Inclusion: Women of Color and the Struggle for Reproductive Justice
- ◆ Healthy Love Parties and HIV/AIDS Prevention
- ◆ Reproductive Services for Women with Disabilities
- ◆ Are Pregnant Women Persons? The Criminalization of Pregnancy
- ◆ Dealing with the County: Local Policies as Frontline Struggles for Reproductive Rights
- ◆ STDs, HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Tract Infections in Native American Communities
- ◆ Building Our Movement: A Lesson for InterCommunity Organizing
- ◆ The Prisonification of Indigenous Women
- ◆ Reducing Infant Mortality in Communities of Color
- ◆ Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights on College Campuses
- ◆ Pro-Choice and Anti-Abortion in the Same Movement
- ◆ Missing Research Data on Women of Color
- ◆ Immigrant Rights and Reproductive Rights
- ◆ Women of Color Sex Workers
- ◆ HIV/AIDS in Asian Americans

## Featured Speakers

(ORGANIZATIONS LISTED FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY)

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|---|---|--|
| Barbara Smith, Author, <i>Homegirls: A Black Feminist Anthology</i> , co-founder <i>Kitchen Table Women of Color Press</i> ; co-founder, <i>Combahee River Collective</i> and <i>National Black Feminist Organization</i> | Angela D. Coker, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham                         | Charon Asetoyer, (Comanche) Native American Women's Health Education Project |
| Adriane Fugh-Berman, MD, School of Medicine, Georgetown University, <i>Asian American former Board Member</i> , <i>National Women's Health Network</i>  | Anne Hendrixson, Committee on Women, Population and the Environment                 | Sarah Deer, JD (Muskogee) – Boarding School Healing Project                  |
| Andrea Smith, PhD (Western Cherokee), Co-Founder, INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence, co-founder, <i>Critical Resistance</i>   | Susan Rodriguez, Sisterhood Mobilized for AIDS/HIV Research and Treatment           | Willi Dolphus (Lakota/Cheyenne River) – Boarding School Healing Project      |
| Luz Alvarez Martinez, National Latina Health Organization   | Lakshmi Anantnarayan, Abortion Access Project                                       | Tonya Gonnella Frichner, JD (Onondaga) – Boarding School Healing Project     |
| Dazon Dixon Diallo, MPH, SisterLove Women's AIDS Project  | Laila Mehta, National Women's Alliance  | Sammy Toineeta (Lakota/Rosebud) – Boarding School Healing Project            |
| Leila Hessini, IPAS   | Sherry Funmaker Wilson (Hocak Wazijaci), National Center for Human Rights Education | Eulynda Toledo-Benalli, PhD (Diné) – Boarding School Healing Project         |
| Makani Themba-Nixon, The Praxis Project   | Bemnet Fantu, SisterLove  | Rosemary Gibbons (Apache) – Boarding School Healing Project                  |
| Silvia Henriquez, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health   | Alejandrina Montoya, Mujeres Latinas En Acción                                      | Ebony Barley, NARAL Pro-Choice Georgia                                       |
| Lourdes Rivera, National Health Law Program   | Benedette Muthien, African Gender Institute, Capetown, South Africa                 | Dia Hodnett, SisterLove Women's AIDS Project                                 |
| Rocio Cordoba, Attorney   | Jaya Ramji, ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project                                       | Malika Redmond, CHOICE USA   |
| Kemba Smith, Prisoners' Rights Advocate, formerly incarcerated  | Necole Irvin, National Abortion Federation  | Marlene Fried, Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program, Hampshire College  |
| Lori Robinson, Sexual Assault Survivor  | Danielle Phillips, Gates Foundation   | Jael Silliman, Ford Foundation   |
|   | Nancy Boothe, Feminist Women's Health Center, Atlanta                               | Linda Burnham, Women of Color Resource Center                                |
|   | Theryn Kigvamasud'Vashti, Communities Against Rape and Abuse, Seattle               |  |
|   | Priyanka Sinha, Raksha, Atlanta   |  |

Anjabebe Asrat, MA, MPH, Ethiopian Women's Rights Advocate  
 Betania Trevino, Planned Parenthood of the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Areas  
 Jennifer Nelson, University of Mississippi  
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 Julia L. Ernst, Center for Reproductive Rights  
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 Khosi Xaba, IPAS  
 Laura Jimenez, Dominican Women's Development Center  
 Saadika Moore, Women's Collective of Washington, DC  
 Kathy Hall Martinez, Center for Reproductive Rights

Jalylah Burrell, New York University  
 Toni Bond, African American Women Evolving  
 Judith Scully, Committee on Women, Population and the Environment  
 Marcy Darnovsky, Center for Genetics and Society  
 Marsha Darling, PhD, Center for African-American and Ethnic Studies Program, Adelphi University  
 Joelle Brouner, Disability Pride Project  
 Judy Norsigian, *Our Bodies Ourselves* -- Boston Women's Health Book Collective  
 Betsy Hartmann, Population and Development Program, Hampshire College  
 Binta Jeffers, Committee on Women, Population and the Environment  
 Rus Funk, Mobilizing Men to End Violence

Sulaiman Nuridden, Men Stopping Violence  
 Euna August, Insitute for Women and Ethnic Studies  
 Elena Guttierrez, University of Illinois, Chicago  
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*...and many more!*

## Conference Co-Sponsors

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**...and we are GROWING!**

# Conference Logistics

Our venue will accommodate only 500 conference participants, so we recommend early registration. You may register on-line at [www.sistersong.net](http://www.sistersong.net).

If we do not reach full capacity by 11/1/03, on-site registration will be available. The registration fee includes your conference packet and lunch Friday and Saturday.

## **Air Travel — Special Conference/Meeting Fare**

Delta Air Lines is offering special rates which allow you a 5% discount off Delta's published round-trip fares within the continental US, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, San Juan, Nassau and the US Virgin Islands and the Caribbean by purchasing 60 days or more in advance. A 10% discount is given on unrestricted round trip coach rates. No advance reservations or tickets are required, but if you purchase 60 days or more in advance, you receive an additional 5% bonus discount.

Call our official travel agent for the SisterSong Conference, Faithe Williams at Journeys Unlimited, (888) 950-9849, or [faithe@journeysunlimited.net](mailto:faithe@journeysunlimited.net) to obtain the same discounts. Or call Delta Meeting Network reservations at: 1-800-241-6760, Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. EST. Mention Meeting Network #197914A.

## **Pre-Conference Leadership Development Institute**

The SisterSong Women of Color Collective, in partnership with Alliances for Quality Education and Hinton-Hoytt & Associates, will sponsor a one-day pre-conference Women of Color Leadership Development Institute to be held Wednesday, November 12, 2003. This all-day training will explore the challenges related to maintaining the delicate balance of strategic leadership and effective nonprofit management in a changing environment and the responses and skills needed to be successful.

Registration is required and will be limited to 50 participants. Call 301-891-9165 x 102 to register.

Targeted Audience: Women of Color Executive Directors, Program Managers, and Boards of Directors

Fee: None

## **Accommodations**

Blocks of rooms reserved for the conference are at the Fairfield Inn (800) 818-9745, or the Regency Suites (800) 642-3629 — *when you mention the SisterSong conference they will reserve your room at their hotel closest to the conference site and give you the discounted conference rate of \$69.00 per night.*

If you are coming to the Pre-Conference Leadership Institute, please plan on arriving Tuesday, November 11. The main conference will begin from Thursday, November 13 at 12 noon and end at 12 noon on Sunday, November 16.

## **Ground Transportation and Parking**

Transportation is available to and from the hotels to the conference site. Parking is available at the conference site for \$6.00 per day. The use of public transportation is recommended.

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# SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health & Sexual Rights Conference Registration

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

- Advance Registration, **\$45**  
Registration **after September 1, 2003, \$55**
- Advance Low Income/Student, **\$25**  
Low Income/Student **after September 1, 2003, \$35**
- Advance Organization, **\$100**  
(includes conference registration for up to 3 women)
- Organization **after September 1, 2003 \$150**  
(includes conference registration for 3 women)

The conference site is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and ASL sign interpretation will be provided at general sessions. Sign interpretation for workshops and other breakout sessions must be requested in advance. If you have additional special needs please email [Dionne@nchre.org](mailto:Dionne@nchre.org) or fill out the form below. **Please submit special needs requests by October 1, 2003 so that every effort can be made to accommodate your request.**

Assistance Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Child care is provided free of charge. To ensure child care, it is critical that registration be received no later than October 13, 2003. Parents/guardians will be required to sign a release form and fill out an information form.

Yes, I require child care. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

I will need child care \_\_\_Wednesday\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_Friday\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Sunday

I will need translation: \_\_\_ Sign Language \_\_\_ Spanish

## Yes! I want to join the SisterSong Collective:

- Individual Women of Color: \$50\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ (Student/Low-Income)
- Women of Color Organizations: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ (budgets below \$100,000)
- Women of Color Organizations: \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ (budgets between \$100,001-\$500,000)
- Women of Color Organizations: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ (budgets over \$500,001)
- Individual Allies (including men): \$50\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ (Student/Low-Income)
- Organizational Allies (non-women of color organizations): \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to National Center for Human Rights  
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## Conference Exhibitor Options:

- Corporate Table — \$500.00 per table
  - Government Table — \$250.00 per table
  - Non-profit Table — \$125.00 per table
- (Fees include 6' table with skirt and two chairs, access to conference for one woman of color & exhibitor name listed in conference brochure)

● **Please contact Dionne at [dionne@nchre.org](mailto:dionne@nchre.org) for more information.**

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