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National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics

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Dear Colleagues;

I am pleased to be able to announce that registration for the 48th Annual Conference of the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics is now open. The 2008 conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee from **August 17th through 20th**. Our conference facility is the Renaissance Hotel in the heart of downtown Nashville, where we have a special conference rate of \$145 per night for single or double occupancy, \$155 for triple or quad. We will kick off the conference with a President's Reception at the hotel on Sunday evening, and convene Monday morning to engage in a national discussion of the role of research to inform the future of welfare programs.

This year, our conference theme is, "**Making Sense of the Numbers: Using Research to Improve the Lives of Children and Families**". Research papers will focus on economic assistance programs as well as family and child well-being. In addition, there will be a conference track focusing specifically on effective presentation of research results. Our Program Co-Chairs, Don Winstead and Marilyn Edelhoich are currently planning the plenary and breakout sessions, and we will post the program on our website as soon as a draft is ready.

Conference registration is available at www.NAWRS.org. You may register on line or download the registration form for submission via mail or fax. The conference registration fee is \$375 until July 25, when it will increase to \$425. Conference registration includes the President's reception, breakfasts Monday through Wednesday, an evening of dinner and music at the Country Music Hall of Fame, and lunch Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please make your hotel reservations with the Renaissance directly. If you wish to book your room on-line, you may access one of the websites below, which will automatically populate our conference code. For single and double occupancy, click on:

<http://marriott.com/bnash?groupCode=nawnawa&app=resvlink>

For triple and quad occupancy, use this address:

<http://marriott.com/bnash?groupCode=nawnawb&app=resvlink>

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Alternatively, you may make reservations by phone at 1-800-HOTELS-1. Use our event code, "NAWRS Workshop" to receive the conference rate, which will be available for reservations made until July 20.

Shuttle service will be available to NAWRS conference attendees at a reduced rate. To receive the rate, go to www.supershuttle.com and use the code "TDSC5". This will entitle you to a \$15 round-trip rate.

I encourage you to visit our website to see some of the things to do while you are in Nashville. Conference rates will be honored at the hotel from August 13th through 23rd, so if you have been looking for an opportunity to visit Music City, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about the conference or about our city. I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

Kerry Mullins
NAWRS president