



February 12, 2007

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
10 Lincoln Sq., Worcester, MA  
7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

invites you to

## Girls from Immigrant Families:

*Enhancing Opportunities, Challenging Assumptions*

a symposium on issues, policies, and practices



As the number of immigrants and children of immigrants grows throughout New England, schools must take into account the various institutional, emotional, and socio-cultural challenges facing these students. These tensions are especially acute for adolescent girls, who may face conflicting messages from their families and American society about appropriate roles. At the same time, these girls frequently display great capacity and resilience.

### Symposium Details

By bringing knowledgeable presenters and New England educators together, we can explore from multiple perspectives the experience of girls from immigrant families and discuss strategies for supporting these girls' success. Through a panel discussion, an interactive keynote, and breakout sessions, we will:

- Learn from young women from immigrant families how their cultural backgrounds created both opportunities and conflict in their K-12 educational experiences.
- Examine issues impacting newcomer and first generation girls, including identity development, academic engagement, bilingualism and biculturalism, and parental involvement.
- Identify successful, culturally appropriate strategies for enhancing the education of girls from immigrant families.

This event is designed for local and state education officials and educators responsible for: English Language Learner programs; community programs for immigrant/refugee students and families; Title IX and equity issues; family and community engagement; guidance, counseling, and mental health; and migrant education.

### Registration Information

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return the form along with your payment of \$35 by **January 26, 2007**.

Space is limited, so please register early! No on-site registration.

Check-in and breakfast will be from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

A block of rooms for the night of February 11 has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Worcester. To receive the group rate of \$89 per night plus tax, please identify "Girls from Immigrant Families Conference." For directions and reservations, call the Crowne Plaza at 508-791-1600 or visit [www.cpworcester.com](http://www.cpworcester.com).

For special accommodations, please contact:  
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### Registration Form

*Girls from Immigrant Families Symposium  
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Submit your registration form and \$35 payment or purchase order by **January 26, 2007** to:

The New England Equity Assistance Center  
c/o The Education Alliance at Brown University  
222 Richmond St., Suite 300  
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Attn: Michelle Carreiro

The fee covers breakfast, lunch, and all conference materials.

Please make personal check or purchase order payable to **Brown University**.