

GEAR UP  
Parent  
Mini-Conference  
Coming Together for Change

Sponsored by: The Chicago GEAR UP Alliance  
The Chicago Teachers' Center  
Northeastern Illinois University and  
The University of Chicago

Saturday, April 19, 2008  
Kenwood Academy High School  
5015 South Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615



8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Welcome and Introductions

Please Choose One Workshop from  
Each Session:

**Break-out Session I**  
(9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)

**Workshop 1: HS Transition**  
Raven Hazley, PS Coach, CPS/GEAR UP

Room 211

**Workshop 2: College and Cultural Awareness**  
Colette Collier, Cluster Coordinator/GEAR UP  
South

Room 209

**Workshop 3: Financial and Money Management**  
Lynn Richardson, Author: "Living Check to  
Monday"

Room 210

**\*IEP's and Special Education Information**  
Patricia Jones and Patricia Meauhead  
Illinois State Board Of Education-Educational  
Surrogate Parent Program

Room 208

Break (9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

**Break Out Session II**  
(10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.)

**Workshop 1: NCLB, PAC and the GEAR UP  
Connection**

Wanda Taylor, Citywide NCLB Delegate - Price  
Elementary  
Valerie Fuller, NCLB Chair - Barton Elementary  
Donna M Murray, NCLB Chair - Kenwood Academy  
High School

Room 212

**Workshop 2: Entrepreneurship for Your  
Family!**

Kandias Conda, Author:  
"Make a \$1000 in 35 Days"

Room 207

**Workshop 3: Career Awareness**  
Chicago Urban League

Room 206

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**Break Out Session III**  
(11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.)

**Workshop 1: Choosing the Right  
Post Secondary Option for Your  
Child**

Anthony Downing, PS Coach,  
CPS/GEAR UP

Post Secondary Lab

**Workshop 2: "Breaking  
Barriers" - School Violence in  
CPS**

Room 211

**Workshop 3: Parent Services  
and GEAR UP**

Elizabeth Childs and Katrina  
Gaines  
Parent Advocates - GEAR UP South  
Room 210

**\*IEP's and Special Education**

Patricia Jones and Patricia  
Meauhead  
Illinois State Board Of Education-  
Educational Surrogate Parent  
Program

Room 208

**Lunch**

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Keynote Luncheon  
Speaker**

James Deanes, Director  
Office of Attendance and Truancy -  
CPS

Special Announcement by:

**Rev Clyde H. Brooks**

President and CEO - ICDHR  
"Money in the Bank"