Greetings partners, members, and friends,

In just a couple of weeks, we’ll come together in the beautiful city of Tampa for the 39th Annual Training Conference. To say I’m excited is an understatement!

I cannot wait for you to take part in the workshops and activities, hear from experts, panelists, and keynote speakers, and engage with one another. It is my hope that you’ll leave equipped with even more tools and knowledge to improve the communities we work for and live in.

If you’ve already registered, thank you. If you have not registered, you still have time – but not much! Please consider signing up today.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Register now for the 39th Annual Training Conference

We’re just weeks away from the 39th Annual Training Conference! This year’s event will take place May 14-17 in Tampa at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Attendees to the four-day conference can choose from several tracks, including:

- Administrative/Executive Assistant
- Public Agency
- Case Management
- Florida ROMA NCRT In-service
- Poverty Symposium
- Weatherization Certification Training

You can find a list of workshops the conference website at https://bit.ly/2HLNO3t.
CONFERENCE SPEAKER

PLENARY SPEAKER
Wednesday, May 15

DAVID BRADLEY
Founder and Chief Operating Officer of the National Community Action Foundation (NCAF). During his tenure at NCAF, David was the primary architect of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). David’s other legislative activities include the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start and job training programs. David has also helped power CAPLAW, a legal resource center for the Community Action Agencies (CAA) network and CAPPAC, a political action committee.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

OPENING LUNCHEON SPEAKER
Wednesday, May 15

William F. Pickard, PhD, is the chairman and founder of GAA Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management, GAA New Ventures, Co-Managing Partner MGM Grand Detroit Casino, and CEO of Bearwood Management McDonald's and co-owner of five black-owned newspapers. Pickard's 47-year entrepreneurial career began as a McDonald's franchisee in Detroit. Since its founding in 1989, GAA has generated more than $5 billion dollars in sales with eight plants in the U.S. and Canada, and service corporations such as Boeing, Mercedes Benz, Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Delphi, Johnson Controls, Starbucks, Home Depot and Merck Pharmaceutical. He has served on numerous business and non-profit boards including Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation, Michigan National Bank, LaSalle Bank, Business Leaders for Michigan, National Urban League, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce.

CLOSING PLENARY SPEAKER
Friday, May 17

Adam White
CEO of INFLUENTIAL Leadership and founder of Adam White Speaks,
organizations devoted to developing INFLUENTIAL Leaders in business, nonprofit, education, government, and associations. Adam has spent more than 10 years studying human behaviors, leadership behaviors, organizational cultural behaviors and what causes people to effectively live out their purpose in life, leadership and their work. Adam has a magnificent obsession with identifying, analyzing and solving problems for leaders and organizations.