

The Arkansas Opportunity to Learn (OTL) Campaign is a coalition of statewide organizations, community leaders, parents, students, educators, policy-makers and others who are committed to public education in Arkansas and dedicated to ensuring its viability.

Dear Education Leader,

Please join us on November 30 & December 1, 2012 for our second Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Summit at the First United Methodist Church, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201. We want to bring together parents, students, educators, policy makers, philanthropic leaders, and others who are working to build a stronger movement for expanding educational opportunities in Arkansas. Now is the time for all of us to focus on this critical issue, both in our own communities and at the state legislature, to make sure that we are all doing everything we can to build on our progress and continue moving Arkansas schools forward.

The Summit will include open discussions on opportunities and barriers to improving education, presentations on proven strategies and planning sessions to determine next steps. Our goal is for participants to interact, learn from each other, and strategize on how we can make progress.

We'll be hosting workshops covering the OTL campaign's priorities, as well as other critical subjects such as school discipline, grade-level reading, and special education. Youth are invited to participate in all activities, and there will be a writing contest open to anyone ages 8-21. Winners will receive \$75 and have their essay published in the OTL and Arkansas Public Policy Panel Newsletters. Please see the attached writing contest form for more details.

Registration is free and covers all presentations, workshops, and meals at the summit. To reserve your spot, please submit registration forms by November 1, 2012. Hotel rooms are available for a special Opportunity to Learn rate of \$75 at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 617 Broadway, Little Rock, AR 72201. There is a limited number of room scholarships available – please contact Ana Phakhin at <u>ana@arpanel.org</u> for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on November 30 & December 1, 2012! Please join us in working together to ensure that every student in Arkansas has a great opportunity to learn, and help spread the word about this important event!

Sincerely,

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