

# Conference 2012: Grow. Transform. Soar.

Join us June 21-24, 2012, for the biennial Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation National Family Conference.

This year's conference theme is inspired by the Illinois state insect: the Monarch butterfly. The event aims to help individuals with CdLS *grow*, *transform* and *soar* to reach their potential.

## Why attend?

There are a multitude of reasons why families should attend the conference. Here are just a few of them:

- Free head-to-toe consultations with experts from a range of health and educational fields.
- Information on legal concerns, educational issues and medical/behavioral challenges.
- Opportunities to meet other families facing similar challenges.



Attendees leave with a wealth of knowledge on how to best care for their child with CdLS. General session and workshop topics to date include:

- Medical and Research Updates, Panel Discussion
- Success of Adults with CdLS, Panel Discussion
- Gastrointestinal Issues
- Meet the CdLS Experts
- The ABCs of Feeding
- Communication Issues
- Roundtable for Mildly Affected Adults with CdLS
- Behavior Challenges

There are also meetings for moms, dads and grandparents, a Friday night ice cream social and a Saturday night banquet with, dancing and fun for everyone.

## Where is it?

The conference takes place in Lincolnshire, IL, at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, located 35 minutes from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and one hour from Midway Airport.

Amenities include indoor and outdoor pools, exercise room, jogging trails, golf course, several on-site restaurants, and a Starbucks kiosk.

## What does it cost?

The registration fee covers attendance at all workshops and general sessions; medical consultations; and all meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast, including the Saturday banquet.

The Kids Explore! program for siblings ages 5 to 17 is extra. There is no charge for the Tiny Tots program or for children or adults with CdLS.

A limited number of scholarships for first-time attendees are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The scholarships cover registration only for up to two adults and two children. Two scholarships are also available for first-time grandparent attendees.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the price of \$109 per night plus tax. Attendees must make their own hotel reservations and may do so by calling 847.634.0100 ext. 6300 or go to [marriott.com/hotels/travel/chiln](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/chiln) (Be sure to use the conference rate code: *cdlclcla*.)

Travel arrangements to and from the conference are the attendee's responsibility.



REGISTRATION	EARLY-BIRD	AFTER 3/26
Adult	\$320	\$350
Person providing childcare	\$220	\$235
Children under age 18	\$170	\$195
Person with CdLS	No charge	No charge
One-day professional	\$250	\$250
<b>Child care options</b>		
<i>Kid Explore!</i> ( ages 5– 17 )	\$95	\$110
Childcare for people with CdLS ( all ages )	No charge	No charge

## Pre-conference fun

Come a day early (June 20) and participate in a benefit golf tournament, taking place at Crane's Landing, the resort's 18-hole golf course. Call 800.753.2357 for more information.

