

**Seventh Biennial Kansas City Conference  
The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and Convention on  
Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**

***Activism for Human Rights: From Issues to Action***

October 4 – 5, 2012

Embassy Suites on the Plaza

Kansas City, MO

**Thursday, October 4**

6:00 – 7 p.m.

Registration/Reception

7 – 10 p.m.

Conference Welcome: Jolie Justus, Missouri State Senator  
GAME Welcome: Sara Pedram, Director

Introduction: Brenda Bethman, Ph.D., Director, UMKC Women's Center  
"Songs, Hippos & Soap: A Traveling Bard's Guide to Getting Involved,"  
featuring Barclay Martin, Singer/Songwriter and Coordinator of New  
Channels, Christian Foundation for Children and Aging  
Discussion  
Networking and Reception

**Friday, October 15**

8 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and a Word About GAME: Sara Pedram, GAME Director

8:45 a.m.

*Speaker:* Lillian G. Pardo, M.D., Member, Zonta Club KCMO II and Board  
Member, United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City  
"Barriers to US Ratification of CEDAW"

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

***Breakout Sessions: Focus on the Issues***

**Violence Against Women & Girls**

Melanie Austin, MOCSA

Kristen A. K. Czugala, KCK Police Department

Holly Hanover, MOCSA

Brian R. Porch, Johnson County District

Attorney's Office

André Tyler, Johnson County Court Services

**Eliminating Sexual Assaults in Juvenile Correctional Facilities**

Dr. Kristi Holsinger, Associate Professor, Dept. of Criminal  
Justice and Criminology, UMKC

**Women & Sustainability**

Kate Corwin, Greenworks KC

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10:40 – 11:40 a.m.

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12:00 p.m.

***Lunch and Keynote***

*Speaker:* Meg Gardinier, Chair of the Campaign for US Ratification of the  
Convention on the Rights of the Child  
"It is up to U.S. to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of  
the Child."

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

***Resource Fair and Networking***

2:10 – 3:10 p.m.

***Breakout Sessions: Taking Action***

**Garage Band Activism**

Barclay Martin, Singer/Songwriter and Coordinator of New  
Channels, Christian Foundation for Children and Aging

**Start Some Trouble - Have Some Fun**

Angela Ferguson, Welcoming Kansas, Advocates for Immigrant  
Rights & Reconciliation  
Judy Ancel, Director, UMKC Institute for Labor Studies  
Jeff Hill, Advocates for Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation  
Whitney Gerlach, Communities Creating Opportunity

**Promoting Financial Literacy for Women and Girls**

Dawn Oliver, Heather Counts Garrett, and Susie Meyer,  
Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City

3:20 – 4:20 p.m.

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4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Session/Resolution Signing

*Performance:* Kansas City Women's Chorus "Treblemakers"

Director: Leslie Pollock