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**CAMBIO DE COLORES (CHANGE OF COLORS) 2010 –
“Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities”**

(Columbia, MO) – The 2010 Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) Latinos in Missouri ninth annual Conference will take place from Monday May 24 to Wednesday May 26, 2010, at the Stoney Creek Inn, in Columbia, Missouri.

The three-day conference will provide a platform to present, discuss, share, learn, and identify critical areas where the development of information and promising practices will facilitate the successful transition of all newcomers into our communities, as well as to provide these communities with the tools necessary to address these changes in ways that are beneficial to all.

The main topics of the conference are: Change and Integration; Civil Rights; Education; Health; and Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. More than fifty presentations and workshops will cover issues of special relevance to make this integration process beneficial to everyone.

Notable speakers for the 2010 conference include

- **Mary Giovagnoli**, Director of the Immigration Policy Center in Washington, D.C. She was an attorney with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security, where she became associate chief counsel for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. She was also a USCIS Congressional fellow, serving for a year in Senator Edward Kennedy’s office working on comprehensive immigration reform and refugee issues.
- **Dr. Kathryn Chval**, Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Missouri Center for Mathematics and Science Teacher Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- **Dr. Donald Eggerth and Michael Flynn**, researchers in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both researchers are internationally recognized on health and immigration labor issues.
- Panel of experts on Hispanic business development from Kansas City, Missouri.

“The 2010 meeting will be a multi-state conference,” with speakers from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, and Washington D.C. “thanks to the cooperation of the University of Missouri’s Cambio Center with the interstate initiative Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities,” North Central Education and Research Activity 216.

Cambio de Colores is an annual conference that started in 2002. It brings together researchers, practitioners, and community members to discuss the issues that Missouri and all Heartland states face as a result of the demographic changes that became evident with the 2000 Census.

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