As the Regional Administrator, Mr. Lett is the principal representative of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in Region III which includes responsibility for 23 major federal programs in six states: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia.

The largest of the 23 programs includes the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, as well as Child Support Enforcement, Head Start, Developmental Disabilities, Child Care, Child Welfare, and services to Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Mr. Lett has been responsible for the management of a variety of federal programs serving children and families since 1979. Just prior to his current assignment, Mr. Lett was the Assistant Regional Administrator for the Office of Family Supportive Services in the Administration for Children and Families. Before joining the federal government, David was the Director of the Office of Program Development for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Mr. Lett has a Masters Degree in Social Work from St. Louis University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Temple University. He has also completed Doctoral work in Public Administration and Political Science at Temple University.

Mr. Lett is an advocate for children and a proponent of early intervention programs.
**Purpose:** To assemble southwestern Pennsylvania providers of child welfare services to address existing and emerging issues that challenge families and agencies in a time of growing need and diminishing resources; to offer state-of-the-art interventions to enhance the ability of practitioners to serve vulnerable families and children in rural communities; to identify issues, resources and gaps in service; to attract potential students to undergraduate and graduate social work education and other programs in the University.

**Audience:** Public and private child welfare services providers from surrounding southwestern Pennsylvania counties, social work field instructors, social work alumni, graduate and undergraduate social work students, and others in education and human services.

**Fees:** Conference Registration $85.00
(Make check payable to California University of Pennsylvania, MSW Program in the memo line).
Continuing Education Credits $15.00 additional
(Make separate check payable to RCI-The Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania)

**Registration deadline is Monday, March 15, 2010.**

The MSW Program at California University of Pennsylvania is a pre-approved provider of continuing education for LSW/LCSW, LPC and LMFT by the PA Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family therapists and Professional Counselors. This event is approved for a total of 7.5 CEUs. This event is also approved for a total of 7.5 Act 48 hours for full-day attendance only.

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**The conference will be held on the campus of California University of Pennsylvania in the Natali Student Center Performance Center.**

**Friday, March 26th**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
**Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Mr. David J. Lett, MSW, Regional Administrator, Administration of Children, Youth, and Families, Region III

9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
**Workshop I:** James Dickerson, MSW/LSW
– The Role of Fathers in Family Engagement and Safety

**Workshop II:** Carol Spigner, MSW, DSW
– Racial Disparities in Public Child Welfare

10:45 a.m. – 12 Noon
**Workshop III:** Marcia Sturdivant, PhD
– Community Engagement

**Workshop IV:** Youth Panel – Personal Experiences

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
**Lunch** – Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Edward W. Sites

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
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3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
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4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
**Summary, Evaluation, and CEUs**