

# THE NATIONAL FRAGILE X FOUNDATION

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## The 8th International Fragile X Conference

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The Fragile X Resource Group of Greater Chicago

**July 17-21, 2002**

**Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers  
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*Please note: All sessions, dates, times, and speakers are subject to change. Additions to the online agenda are in green and changes to the online agenda are in red.*

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### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR CONFERENCE START AND END TIMES

<b>Wednesday, July 17:</b>	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Reception to follow)
<b>Thursday, July 18:</b>	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Luncheon 12:00 / Poster Reception 5:00)
<b>Friday, July 19:</b>	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Lake Cruise 7:00 PM)
<b>Saturday, July 20:</b>	8:00 AM - 4:30PM (Silent Auction & Cocktails 6:00/Dinner 8:00)
<b>Sunday, July 21:</b>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of our entire board of directors, invite you to join us for the National Fragile X Foundation's Eighth International Fragile X Conference. Please join us for what is sure to be an incredibly enriching and enlightening experience. I look forward to speaking with each and every one of you in Chicago!

~ **Jeffrey Cohen**, President, National Fragile X Foundation Board of Directors

We are pleased to provide you with this preliminary program agenda for the Eighth International Fragile X Conference. As has been our tradition, the conference is designed to provide frequent opportunities for families and professionals to learn from one another. Thanks to our committee on family-focused sessions, comprised of Arlene Cohen, Gail Harris-Schmidt, Avis Primack, Lynda Canel, Gerald McCabe, Jennifer Keenan and Stephanie Jacob, along with Deborah Kwan, OT and Conference Coordinator, as well as our scientific and medical session planners, Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis and Dr. Randi Hagerman, I feel that an exceptional conference has been planned for your benefit. Following, you will find a mix of presentations covering medical, clinical, educational, and social/emotional issues related to fragile X. I am confident that you will find this event to be highly beneficial.

~ **Robert Miller**, Executive Director, National Fragile X Foundation

### Conference Topics

The Eighth International Fragile X Conference is a multidisciplinary, international conference focusing on fragile X syndrome. Specific topics and workshops are directed toward physicians, clinicians, educators, families, and researchers within the following fields: pediatrics, clinical genetics, genetic counseling, cytogenetics, molecular biology, special education, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, legal and ethical implications, psychiatry, psychology, neurology, nursing, social work, and pharmacology. There will also be many opportunities for networking for families and professionals.

### Key for Conference Program

Many of the scheduled sessions and workshops are specifically designed for families. To aid in planning, please note that these topics are designated throughout the conference program with a special symbol (👤). However, please do not be discouraged from attending any session that you feel may be helpful. Sessions that are offered more than once during the conference are designated with a special symbol (🔄). **So remember, 👤 means family-friendly, 🔄 means a repeat session.**

### Spanish Interpretation

A Spanish Interpreter will be available throughout the conference. All general sessions will have Spanish interpretation. Based on the interests of the Spanish-speaking parents in attendance, one session per time slot will have Spanish interpretation. Sessions to be interpreted will be determined by the parents during the Wednesday, **Introducción del Síndrome X Frágil** 3:05 PM session.

### Scholarships

A limited amount of scholarships are available to be used for conference registration. To be eligible for this assistance, a written letter detailing the nature of your request must be received in the Foundation offices by April 1, 2002. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate all requests received. Written notification will be mailed by May 1, 2002.

### Conference Location & Headquarters Hotel

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

### 1:00-2:00

-  **Conference Highlights**  
Randi Hagerman, MD  
Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, M.D., Ph.D.

### Concurrent Sessions A-C

### 2:05-3:00

- A1**  **Orientation for Newly Diagnosed Families and First-Time Conference Attendees**  
Louise Gane M.S.
- A2**  **Hyperarousal and Inhibition Problems on the Speech and Language of Individuals with Fragile X**  
Vicki Sudhalter Ph.D.
- A3** **Overview & Update of X-Linked Mental Retardation**  
Giovanni Neri M.D.  
Charles Schwartz Ph.D.
- A4**  **Options and Opportunities for the Future**  
**Glenkirk:** Kori Larson, Shayna Green MSW, Melissa Juarez

### 3:05-4:00

- B1**  **Newborn Screening for Fragile X: Issues & Challenges**  
Don Bailey Ph.D.
- B2**  **Psychopharmacology**  
Andrew Levitas M.D.  
Jeremy Turk M.D.
- B3**  **Two Families – Two Stories: *Hope Beyond Diagnosis***  
Kelly Wilson & Kelly Lambert

### 3:05-5:00

- B4**  **Introducción del Síndrome X Frágil (in Spanish)**  
Feliciano Ramos M.D. Ph.D.  
Mercè Bellavista

### 4:05-5:00

- C1**  **Diagnostic Alphabet Soup: Understanding Genetic and Behavioral Diagnoses**  
Brenda Finucane M.S.
- C2**  **Brain Development and Function in Fragile X: Relationship To Genetic Factors, and Cognitive and Behavioral Features**  
Alan Reiss M.D. Ph.D.
- C3**  **PREMIER: “Females & Fragile X” video**

## THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2002

### General Session:

#### 8:00-8:30

-  **Update from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: NIH Support for Fragile X Research**  
Duane Alexander, M.D.

#### 8:30-9:15

-  **New Advances in Neurobiology of Fragile X**  
Gary Bassell Ph.D.

### Morning Break 9:15-9:45

### Concurrent Sessions D-G

#### 9:45-10:55

- D1**  **Education Project Workshop**  
Carolyn Ybarra Ph.D., *Vickie Sudhalter, Ph.D.*  
*Laurie Yankowitz, MS, Jennifer Keenan, MS*
- D2**  **Access to Academics and Inclusive Schooling: Elementary**  
Paula Kluth Ph.D.
- D3**  **The Raging Age: How to Treat Aggressive Behaviors**  
Marcia Braden Ph.D.
- D4**   **Keys to Success for Dealing with Health Insurance**  
Gail Borgerd

- D5 Fragile X Gene Expression**  
Paul Hagerman M.D. Ph.D.

- D6 Frax-e**  
David Nelson, Ph.D.  
Jonathan and Kathy Doring

- D7 Fragile X in the Genetics Clinic**  
Jeanette Holden, Ph.D.  
Amanda Bergner, MS

- D8 Research Abstracts: Neuroimaging**  
Susan Rivera Ph.D.  
Don Rojas Ph.D.

#### 11:05-12:00

- E1**  **Access to Academics and Inclusive Schooling: Secondary**  
Paula Kluth Ph.D.
- E2**  **Eye & Vision Anomalies in the Child and Adult with Fragile X**  
Dominic Maino, O.D. M.Ed. FAAO  
Rashelle Cohen, Fragile X Alliance Inc.
- E3**  **Disability and Identity**  
Carmen Gendel, *LCSW*
- E4**  **Mental Health & Aging in Fragile X**  
Andrew Levitas M.D.
- E5 Research Abstracts: Neurological Problems in the Premutation Carrier**  
Chris Goetz M.D.  
Maureen Leehey M.D.
- E6 Measuring Therapeutic and Treatment Educational Effectiveness**  
Heather Erba, Ph.D.
- E7 Medical Treatment of Fragile X**  
Jonathon Cohen M.D.  
Joesp Artigas M.D.
- E8 *to be announced***

~ Thursday continued ~

**12:00-1:30 Luncheon**

*Featuring: The singing of Shannon Wilson, and a special showing of the new video, Females and Fragile X. Slide show and music by Cindi Rogers*

**1:30-2:55**

**F1 ? Planning Your Financial Future**

**After Receiving the Fragile X Diagnosis**

Karen Ueberwasser, Trust and Financial Planning Specialist  
William Melka, Trust and Financial Planning Specialist  
Scott Canel, Parent of Fragile X child, Legal Specialty-  
Trust and Financial Planning and Oversight  
Steven Franks, CLU, CPCU, Insurance Specialist

**F2 Aggression Panel**

Karen Riley Ph.D.  
Marcia Braden Ph.D.  
Jeremy Turk, MD  
Andrew Levitas, MD

**F3 Understanding Your Psychological Test Report**

Michelle Mazzocco, Ph.D. MSDP

**F4 Connecting With Your Child**

Ira Glovinsky, Ph.D.

**F5 ? Better IEPs for Your Child: Making Your Way Through the Special Education System**

Gail Harris-Schmidt Ph.D.  
Steve McKee

**3:05-4:30**

**G1 Mother's Workshop**

Arlene Cohen  
Janet Lin  
Cindi Rogers  
Stephanie Jacob

**G2 Father's Workshop**

Jeffrey Cohen, Esq.  
Frank Liberati

**G3 Continuum of Educational Placements**

Orah Raia

**G4 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**

Rebecca O'Connor M.A.  
Karen Riley Ph.D.

**G5 Is It All Genes?**

**The Impact of Environmental and Neurohormonal Variables on Outcome in Children with Fragile X**

David Hessler, Ph.D.

**F6 Research Abstracts: Molecular Research**

Flora Tassone Ph.D.  
Stephen Warren Ph.D.

**F7 Toilet Training Children with Special Needs**

Glen Penkava, M.S.Ed

**F8 Research Abstracts: Prenatal Diagnosis**

Patricia Howard-Peebles Ph.D.  
Ed Jenkins Ph.D.

**F9 Research Abstracts: Academic Interventions**

Gail Spiridigliozzi Ph.D.  
Carme Brun-Gasca Ph.D.  
Rebecca O'Connor M.A.

**G6 ? Hands-On Calming Techniques**

Sarah K. Scharfenaker M.A.  
Tracy Stackhouse M.A. OTR

**G7 Research Abstracts: Neuropsychological Studies**

Jim Grigsby Ph.D.

**G8 ? Dental Issues**

Edward Perlow DDS

**G9 Research Abstracts:**

**Mouse, Fly & Other Animal Studies**

Frank Kooy Ph.D.  
Haruhiko Siomi Ph.D.

## FRIDAY JULY 19, 2002

### General Session:

#### 8:00-8:45

-  **Fragile X Syndrome: Brain Morphology and Cellular Function**  
William Greenough Ph.D.

#### 8:45-9:15

-  **Reproductive Options**  
Susan Black M.D.

#### 9:15-9:45 Morning Break

### Concurrent Sessions H-K

#### 9:45-10:55

- H1**  **Helping Cautious Caterpillars Change Into Social Butterflies: Social Skills at Home, at Work, and at School**  
Marcia Braden Ph.D.

- H2**  **Alternative Individual Education Plans**  
Jan Lucas-Tuttle

- H3**  **Sibling Workshop**  
CHAIR: Dana Cohen Ph.D.  
Amy Porterfield  
Anna Cohen

- H4**  **Education Strategies in Math**  
Michelle Mazzocco Ph.D.  
Ave Lachiewicz M.D.

#### 11:05-12:00

- I1**  **Panel "50 Ideas in 50 Minutes"**  
Steve McKee (facilitator)  
Marcia Braden Ph.D. (socialization)  
Arlene Cohen (extended family)  
Dana Cohen Ph.D. (siblings)  
Kristen Head (education)  
Karen Riley Ph.D. (behavior)

- I2**  **Alternative & Augmentative Communication**  
Jill Senner

- I3**  **Addressing Sensory Defensiveness in the Child with FXS: A Collaborative Approach**  
Jennie Sammons O.T.R.

- I4**  **The Teen Years**  
Dani Steiger

- H5**  **Family Issues for Participation in Research Studies**  
Susan Harris  
Louise Gane, MS

- H6** **Research Abstracts: Neurobiology**  
William Greenough Ph.D.  
Gary Bassell Ph.D.

- H7** **Panel: Public Policy**  
John Harrigan, Esq.  
Mary Lou Oster-Granite Ph.D.  
Don Bailey, Ph.D.  
Mary Beth Busby  
Jeffrey Cohen, Esq.

- H8** **Epidemiological Medical Data From Female Carriers of the Fragile X Premutation**  
Arie Smits, Ph.D.

- I5**  **The Role of Hyperarousal and Inhibitory Control Deficits in the Speech and Language Difficulties of Individuals with Fragile X**  
Vicki Sudhalter Ph.D.

- I6** **Relationship of X-Linked Retardation to Fragile X**  
Ger Ramakers Ph.D.

- I7** **Research Abstracts: Behavioral & Psychological Aspects of Infant Development in Fragile X**  
Kim Cornish Ph.D.

- I8** **Panel: Reproductive Options**  
Susan Black M.D.  
Alan Horwitz M.D.

- I9** **Neurobiology**  
Rob Willemsen Ph.D.

~ Friday continued ~

**12:00-1:30 Lunch On Your Own**

**1:30-2:55**

**J1** 🗣️ 📄 **Keys to Success for Dealing with Health Insurance**  
Gail Borgerd

**J2** 🗣️ **How to Educate Schools About Fragile X**  
Stephanie Jacob  
Nancy Brown  
Arlene Cohen  
Carmen Gendel, LCSW

**J3** 🗣️ 📄 **Hands-On Calming Techniques**  
Tracy Stackhouse M.A., O.T.R.  
Sarah K. Scharfenaker M.A.

**J4** 🗣️ **Medications & Fragile X**  
Elizabeth Berry Kravis M.D. Ph.D.

**J5** 🗣️ 📄 **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**  
Rebecca O'Connor M.A.  
Karen Riley Ph.D.

**J6** **Involvement in Premutation Carriers (An overview with research abstracts)**  
Paul Hagerman M.D., Ph.D.  
Randi J. Hagerman M.D.

**J7** Research Abstracts: **Neuropsychological Functioning in Females with Fragile X**  
Kim Cornish Ph.D.

**J8** **Development & Psychophysiology of Infants & Children with Fragile X**  
Jane Roberts Ph.D.  
Deborah Hatton Ph.D.

**J9** **Roundtable Panel: X-Linked Mental Impairment**  
Ger Ramakers Ph.D.  
Roger Stevenson M.D.  
Vincent Des Portes M.D.  
Giovanni Neri M.D.  
David Nelson Ph.D.

**3:05-4:30**

**K1** 🗣️ Panel: **Genetic Counseling**  
Amanda Bergner M.S.  
Louise Gane M.S.  
Jennifer Keenan M.S.  
Allyn McConkie-Rosell Ph.D.

**K2** 🗣️ **Social Emotional Functioning of Females Affected with Fragile X**  
Michelle Mazzocco Ph.D. MS DP  
Ave Lachiewicz M.D.

**K3** 🗣️ **Education Project: Master Teachers**  
Coordinator: Carolyn Ybarra Ph.D.  
Teacher: Donna Baumgartner  
Teacher: Jackie Hauser  
Teacher: Chips Merkle

**K4** 🗣️ Panel: **Alternative Therapies**  
Moderator: Deborah Kwan, OTR  
Art: Laura Kiser A.T.R. L.C.P.C.  
Music: Jean Besetzny  
Hippotherapy: Ellen In P.T.  
Social Skills: Jennifer Grim  
Developmental Play Intervention: Betty Hurder

**K5** 🗣️ **Grandparents Workshop**  
Ed and Merle Perlow

**K6** Research Abstracts: **Pharmacologic and Genetic Targets in Fragile X Treatment Research**  
Robert Bauchwitz M.D. Ph.D.  
Pietro Chiurazzi M.D.

**K7** Research Abstracts: **Molecular Advances in Fragile X**  
W. Ted Brown M.D. Ph.D.  
Andre Hoogeveen Ph.D.  
Michael Fry Ph.D.  
Edward Khandjian DSc

**K8** Research Abstracts: **Screening & Prevalence**  
James MacPherson, Ph.D.  
Francois Rousseau M.D.

**K9** *to be announced*

## SATURDAY JULY 20, 2002

### General Session:

#### 8:00-8:45

-  **Molecular Advances**  
Stephen Warren Ph.D.

#### 8:45-9:15

-  "The ABC of Being," an essay from a Fragile X Memoir-in-progress  
Clare Dunsford Ph.D.

#### 9:15-9:45 Morning Break

### Concurrent Sessions L-O

#### 9:45-10:55

- L1**  **Combining Occupational Therapy & Speech**  
Tracy Stackhouse O.T.R.  
Sarah Scharfenaker M.A. CCC

- L5 Premature Ovarian Failure**  
Susan Black M.D.  
Angela Vianna Morgante Ph.D.  
James MacPherson Ph.D.

- L2**  **Alternative Communication: Software/Academics**  
Kristine Gray

- L6 Panel: Screening & Prevalence Studies**  
Don Bailey Ph.D.  
Stephanie Sherman Ph.D.  
Roger Stevenson M.D.  
Li Ping Tsai M.D.

- L3**  **Workshop: Building a Resource Group**  
Chair: Jennifer Keenan M.S.  
Dian Bolling

- L4**  **Sexuality and Fragile X**  
Marcia Braden Ph.D.  
Sandy Ainslie

- L7 Stem Cell Therapy**  
Laurie Doering Ph.D.

- L8 Research Abstracts: Social, Emotional Studies  
And Adaptive Studies**  
Jim Grigsby Ph.D.  
David Hessel Ph.D.

#### 11:05-12:00

- M1**  **Panel: Getting Everything You Need  
& More From Your Doctor**  
Janet Lin M.D.  
Ed Goldson M.D.  
Cindi Rogers

- M5**  **Speech, Language and Communication Development  
in Males and Females with Fragile X**  
Joanne Roberts Ph.D.  
Len Abbeduto, Ph.D.

- M2**  **Transitions in School**  
Jayne Dixon Weber

- M6 Behavioral Phenotype Overview**  
Jeremy Turk M.D.

- M3**  **Conservatorships, Trusts, & Wills**  
Patricia Kefalas Dudek

- M7 Psychological Counseling**  
John Brown Ph.D.

- M4**  **Telling Children of Their At-Risk Status  
& Decision-Making Regarding Carrier Testing**  
Allyn McConkie-Rosell Ph.D.

- M8 to be announced**

~ Saturday continued ~

### Lunch On Your Own 12:00-1:30

**NOTE:** There will be two informal "Communication Connection" roundtables held during this lunch break. One will be for Speech and Language Therapists, only, and the other one will be for Occupational Therapists, only. Please see sign-ups on the "Message and Announcements Board" for location and lunch arrangements.

### 1:30-2:55

**N1** 🗣️ Panel: **Females with Fragile X  
Real Life Stories**

CHAIR: Marcia Braden Ph.D.  
Amy DeBernardis  
Caryn Lang  
Kristen Lang  
Katherine Zwink

**N2** 🗣️ Workshop: **Software & Academics**  
Kristine Gray

**N3** 🗣️ **Transitioning From School to Workplace**  
Sandra Brooks R.N.  
Ken Upshaw

**N4** 🗣️ 🧠 **Better IEPs for Your Child: Making Your  
Way Through the Special Education System**  
Steve McKee  
Gail Harris-Schmidt Ph.D.

**N5** Research Abstracts: **Speech & Language Studies**  
Joanne Roberts Ph.D.  
Len Abbudeto Ph.D.

**N6** 🗣️ 🧠 🤝 **Hands-On Calming Techniques**  
Tracy Stackhouse M.A. OTR  
Sarah K. Scharfenaker M.A.

**N7** Research Abstracts: **Electrophysiological Studies**  
Jennifer Hill Karrer Ph.D.  
Margherita D'Antuano Ph.D.  
Sebastiano Musumeci M.D.

**N8** **Medical Issues with the Full Mutation**  
Ed Goldson M.D.  
Jonathon Cohen  
Ann Reynolds M.D.

### 3:05-4:30

**O1** 🗣️ **Fragile X is a Family Affair:  
Helping Parents Deal with Stress**  
Kathleen Murphy Ph.D. LCSW

**O2** 🗣️ **Association Between Fragile X and Autism**  
(Lecture – Abstracts – Panel)  
Don Bailey Ph.D.  
Beth Goodlin-Jones Ph.D.

**O3** 🗣️ Panel: **Recreation and Sports**  
John Harrigan: Challenger Baseball (Moderator)  
Dave Breen: Special Olympics  
Sarah Urycki: Boy Scouts  
Nancy Keck MD: SOAR Camp  
Kathy & Jonathan Doring: Special Olympics

**O4** Panel: **International Issues (3:05-5:00)**

CHAIRS: - **USA** - Louise Gane  
**USA** - Robert Miller  
**United Kingdom** - Lynne Zwink  
**Spain** - Carme Brun-Gasca Ph.D. & Mercè Bellavista RN  
**France** - Marie Francois Croquette M.D.  
**Australia** - Jonathan Cohen, MD  
**Greece** - Maria Syrrou Ph.D.  
**Indonesia** - Sultana Faradz M.D. Ph.D.  
**Brasil** - Dr. Ricardo Halpern  
**USA** - Edward Goldson M.D.  
**Canada** - Carlo Parabello M.D.  
**Japan** - Haruhiko Siomi Ph.D.  
**India** - Udai Bhan Pandey  
**Romania** - Andrei Iordan  
**Italy** - Pietro Chiurazzi, MD, Ph.D  
**Turkey** - Mehmet Alikasifoglu, M.D., Ph.D  
**Norway** - Carolyn & Ragnar Toennessen

**O5** Research Abstracts: **Psychopharmacology**  
Elizabeth Berry-Kravis M.D., Ph.D.  
Ave Lachiewicz M.D.

### 6:00 Banquet: Auction, Cocktails, Dinner, Awards Ceremony & Dance

**Special Guests:** Pat Petersilia and sons Kyle and Jeff

Dr. James Hanson, Chief, Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Branch  
National Institute of Child Health & Human Development  
Senator Richard L. Durbin (D-IL), United States Senate

## SUNDAY JULY 21, 2002

9:00-10:25

**P1**  Panel: **Psychopharmacology**

Randi J. Hagerman, MD.  
Jeremy Turk M.D.

Andrew Levitas, MD  
Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD., Ph.D.

10:35-12:00

**P2**  Panel: **Questions, Answers, and Difficult Cases: Treatment Issues**

Josep Artigas, M.D.  
Elizabeth Berry-Kravis M.D., Ph.D.  
Marcia Braden Ph.D.  
Tracy Stackhouse O.T.R.

Randi Hagerman M.D.  
Ann Reynolds M.D.  
Sarah Scharfenaker M.A. CCC  
*and others*

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**REGISTRATION:** Conference attendees are urged to register in advance. Advance registration not only assists the Foundation in planning for the conference, but also saves the registrant in terms of conference fees and hotel rates. Registration includes break refreshments, Thursday luncheon, Saturday night auction and banquet, and a conference binder. A registration form is included with this preliminary program. Registration forms can also be obtained by contacting the Foundation or accessing the Foundation's website. Please fill out the entire registration form and return it to the Foundation by post mail, e-mail, or fax.

Early registration applies to all registrations received in the Foundation offices on or before May 17, 2002. Regular registration applies to all registrations received in the Foundation offices between May 18, 2002 and June 30, 2002. All registrations must be delivered to the National Fragile X Foundation by June 30 to insure the availability of conference materials. The fee for single-day registrations received by June 30, 2002 is US \$100 per day for all members, and \$125 per day for nonmembers. Single day registration does not include any meals.

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**AIR TRAVEL:** The Official Airline of the 8th International Fragile X Conference is American Airlines. Meeting attendees can enjoy 5% off the lowest published fare or 10% off the full coach fare on American. Plus, receive an additional 5% discount when you purchase your tickets 60 days in advance. Call American at 1-800-433-1790 or ask your travel agent. **ASK FOR STARfile 0462BB.**

**RECREATION:** Bicycling, jogging, bowling, watercycling, and boatrides are all within walking distance of the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Please contact the concierge at the hotel for further information, availability, and pricing.

**WEATHER:** The average high temperature in Chicago during July is 84 degrees. The average low is 63 degrees. Please keep in mind that July in Chicago can be humid and there could be some rainfall. (Information from USA Climate Today)

## **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

### **Welcome Reception ~ Wednesday, July 17, 2000 ~ 6:00-8:00pm**

Join us in meeting and greeting many of the speakers and families that are attending the conference. This event is a great way to kick off the week!

### **Poster Reception ~ Thursday, July 18, 2000 ~ 5:00-7:00pm**

Take some time to view the posters detailing the exciting research projects taking place in the field of fragile X syndrome.

### **Lake Boat Cruise ~ Friday, July 19, 2000 ~ 7:00-10:00pm**

Join families and faculty while experiencing the world-renowned Chicago architecture and skyline from Lake Michigan aboard our exciting and entertaining dinner cruise. Includes dinner and dancing.

### **Cocktail Hour, Auction and Banquet ~ Saturday, July 20, 2000 ~ 6:30pm**

Enjoy the evening at the Eighth International Fragile X Conference auction and banquet. There will also be a Keynote address, several awards, including the presentation of the National Fragile X Foundation's Spirit of eXcellence Humanitarian Award, and more! Wear your party clothes!

## ADDITIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION- Great ideas for Families!

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum ~ 1300 S.Lake Shore Dr. 312-322-0553 ~  
<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org>

Chicago Children's Museum ~ Navy Pier 700 E. Grand Ave. 312-527-1000 ~  
<http://www.chicildrensmuseum.org>

Chicago Cubs ~ Wrigley Field 1060 W. Addison St. ~773-404-CUBS ~  
<http://www.cubs.com>

The Field Museum (Natural History) ~ 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr. 312-322-8864 ~  
<http://www.fieldmuseum.org>

Lincoln Park Zoo ~ Cannon Drive at Fullerton Parkway 312-742-2300 ~  
<http://www.lpzoo.org>

Museum of Contemporary Art ~ 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-3857 ~  
<http://www.mcachicago.org>

Museum of Science & Industry ~ 57<sup>th</sup> St. & Lake Shore Dr. 773-684-1414 ~  
<http://www.msichicago.org>

Navy Pier ~ 600 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-PIER or 800-595-PIER ~  
<http://www.navy pier.com>

Sears Tower Deck ~ 233 S. Wacker Dr. 312-875-9696 ~ The World's Tallest Building ~  
<http://www.sears-tower.com>

Shedd Aquarium ~ 1200 Lake Shore Dr. 312-939-2438 ~  
<http://www.shedd.org>