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This conference will promote a better understanding of culture, ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status and the needs of African-American children and families. Spend the day networking, sharing and meeting new colleagues to help improve the quality of lives of children and families.

**Friday, Feb. 24, 2012**
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
University of Northern Iowa Schindler Education Center

**Calling All Girls!**
Girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade

**Come out and meet other girls in many different ways**
- Field trips
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Use your imaginations and creativity by publishing your own personal book!

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**I Did It**
because two kids in my church needed a home.

When two girls we knew were placed in a shelter, we thought we could just drive over and pick them up. We ended up becoming licensed foster parents to take care of them.

After we started, we realized the huge need for African-American foster families.

Twenty years later we’re still fostering.

What would be your reason for doing foster care? Find out how you can make a difference as an Iowa foster or adoptive parent.

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Conference Agenda, Friday, Feb. 24, 2012
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Attend three sectionals and one specialty session

8-8:50 a.m.  Registration, exhibits and refreshments
8-8:50 a.m.  Welcome, Dr. Gloria Gibson, Executive Vice President and Provost, University of Northern Iowa
9-9:10 a.m.  Song, “Why Our Children Are Dying,” Jeany Teingar
9:25-10 a.m.  “Family Literacy, A Time to Share,” Jan Spivey Gilchrist
10-10:20 a.m.  Exhibits and refreshments
10:20-11:30 a.m.  Sectional (1)
11:40 a.m.–12:50 p.m.  Sectional (2)
12:50-1 p.m.  Lunch available
1-2:10 p.m.  Attend one of these specialty sessions:
Dr. Chrishirella Warthen, Dr. Iheoma U. Iruka or Gevonee Ford

2:20–3:30 p.m.  Sectional (3)
3:30-3:35 p.m.  Exhibits
3:35-3:40 p.m.  Book signing, author-illustrator, Jan Spivey Gilchrist
3:50–4 p.m.  Closing remarks, CEUs and course credits

Special Guest Presenters
Jan Spivey Gilchrist, author and illustrator
“Family Literacy, A Time to Share”
Dr. Iheoma U. Iruka, research assistant professor in psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
“Journey of our Children: Hope for the Future”  SEC 244/245
Dr. Chrishirella Warthen, school administration consultant, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Special Education
“Black Girls Interrupted: Restoring Life-Enhancing Developmental Foundations”  SEC 246
Gevonee Ford, founder and executive director, Network of Children of African Descent and recipient of a recent White House award
“Literacy and the Development of African-American Culture and Identity: Engaging Parents and Their Children”  SEC 252

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Movement and Physical Activities: A Must in the Curriculum, James Leech, University of Northern Iowa SEC 406

Minority Student Success: A Long Journey to Africa and Back, Pastor Michael Coleman, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church SEC 325
Helping to Change The Lives of Female Offenders: A Gender-Specific Sensitive Approach, William Martinez, Denise Cooper, Marvin Spencer and Janis Wren, Waterloo Women’s Center for Change SEC 322