



*Presents... from just this side of the rainbow*

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH**

**KC Mini Conference**

at the Kansas State School for the Blind



*Bringing the Albinism Community  
Together for More Than 25 Years!*

NOAH, PO Box 959 E. Hampstead, NH 03826

**Kansas City Mini Conference**

**<http://kc.albinism.org>**

**Saturday, August 8th**

**Kansas State School for the Blind**

**1100 State Avenue**

**Kansas City, Kansas 66102**

**Phone: (913)281-3308**



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## NOAH's One-of-a-Kind Experience



**Is Coming to Your Region! Don't Miss It!**

### Awesome Adult Program

8:00am to 4:30pm



- [Albinism Research](#) with David Adams, Ph.D, M.D., assistant clinical investigator in the lab of William Gahl at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health
- [Genetics of Albinism](#) with Murray H. Brilliant, Ph.D., Lindholm Professor of Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arizona College of Medicine
- [Albinism: Physical effects on the eye and visual function](#) with Bruce Kater, OD, optometrist from Wichita, KS
- [IEP Dos and Don'ts - Before During and After the Meeting](#) with Chantel Alberhasky, Esq., Alberhasky Law Firm, P.C.
- [Expanded Core Curriculum](#) with Alex Ritter, TVI, with Children's Center for the Visually Impaired in Kansas City, MO
- [How do you trim your toenails?](#) with Mike McGowan, adult with albinism and NOAH president
- [Discussion Groups for Parents and Adults](#)

### Special Thanks

Special thanks to Kansas State School for the Blind

**Questions? [KC@albinism.org](mailto:KC@albinism.org) or 800-473-2310**



### Affordable Registration Fees!\*

Mini conference registration includes educational sessions, discussion groups, children's activities, and lunch.

- Adults : \$25.00 per attendee
- Children 5-17: \$15.00 per attendee
- Children 4 & under: FREE!

\*Fees are for current NOAH members. Call for non-member pricing or visit <http://store.albinism.org> to become a NOAH member today!

### Fun for the Munchkins!

Children will find a day filled with activities leading them down the Yellow Brick Road and over the rainbow.

- **Children ages 3 and younger** will enjoy age appropriate, safe activities on site. They will make story bags about the Wizard of Oz, play games, and make edible Braille cells.
- **School aged children** and their chaperones will click their heals and be transported to Hallmark's Kaleidoscope for an opportunity to experience a unique interactive art experience followed by lunch.
- **Older children** and their chaperones will visit the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and have lunch.



Come for a fun filled day with Dorothy, Toto, Tin man, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, and maybe even the Wicked Witch and little Munchkins. Remember, there's no place like home.



### Lodging

Staying overnight? A special NOAH rate of \$116.95 has been arranged at the Holiday Inn Express at The Legends Village West, 1931 Prairie Crossing, Kansas City, KS 66111. Be sure to mention NOAH when you call (913) 328-1024.

## Presenter Bios

**David Adams, PhD, MD.** holds a doctoral degree in Molecular Biotechnology (now called Genome Sciences, Ph.D., 1998), and a medical degree (M.D., 2000), both from the University of Washington. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Medical and Biochemical Genetics, and is currently working as an assistant clinical investigator in the lab of William Gahl at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the NIH.

**Chantel Alberhasky, Esq.,** of The Alberhasky Law Firm, PC., represents children with disabilities and their families in the area of special education law in due process hearings, state court and federal court. A member of The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), Ms. Alberhasky is the parent of a child with albinism. She earned her law degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1998.

**Murray H. Brilliant, PhD.,** is Lindholm Professor of Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University Of Arizona College Of Medicine.. Dr. Brilliant's efforts in the study of molecular genetics of pigmentation in mice and humans, have led to the identification of two of the four known genes involved in oculocutaneous albinism. Dr. Brilliant's laboratory is one of the leading centers working on the functional analysis of the proteins involved in albinism and the effects of genetic variations in these genes. Recently, his laboratory has been working to develop a novel gene therapy approach to address the problems associated with vision in people with albinism.

**Bruce Kater, OD,** an optometrist from Wichita, KS, has practiced clinical optometry for 20 years specializing in pediatric binocular vision development and has devoted the last 10 years to ocular and neural pathology and the rehabilitation of resulting vision impairment across all sets and subsets of target populations.

**Mike McGowan,** an adult male with albinism, has been NOAH president since December of 2000. He lives with his wife and son in Chicago, IL .

**Alex Ritter, MS,** is a teacher of the visually impaired who currently teaches preschool at the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired in Kansas City, Missouri. She received her Masters degree in Visual Disabilities from Florida State University, with an emphasis in assistive technology, Braille, and the Expanded Core Curriculum.

## Register Today!

The Kansas City mini conference is the fifth in a series of regional events across North America in 2009. NOAH is committed to bringing the magical experience of an albinism community gathering to more locations this year; reaching out to those who might not be able to attend a NOAH conference. With programming from 8:00am to 4:30pm, it's a jam-packed day of informative educational sessions, meaningful panels and discussion groups, and the opportunity for kids to be kids amongst the albinism community. **Be a part of the NOAH magic! Register by Saturday July 25th.**

## Volunteer with the Munchkins!

Are you or someone you know Fun? Enthusiastic? Responsible? Love Kids? Yes! Then NOAH may be looking for you! NOAH is seeking a limited number of volunteers to help out with supervision during the mini conference. If you or your child's vision teacher, aunt, uncle grandparent, best friend forever would like to be considered, email [kc@albinism.org](mailto:kc@albinism.org) or call 800-473-2310 for more details.



## Follow the Yellow Brick Road



Shuttle service will be provided from the hotel to Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) for adults with albinism who are unable to drive.

Public Transportation Bus service available via The Metro, route #101 from Village West (near hotel) to KSSB. For schedules and fares, visit: [http://www.kcata.org/maps\\_schedules/route\\_select/](http://www.kcata.org/maps_schedules/route_select/)

Airport Pick-Up NOAH may be able to arrange rides from KCI airport. Email [kc@albinism.org](mailto:kc@albinism.org) if you require transportation assistance.

