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**CONGRESSMAN CHAKA FATTAH – GEAR UP ARCHITECT – TO SPEAK AT 9<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND  
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**

**Washington, DC** – The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) announced today that Congressman Chaka Fattah (D, PA-02) will address the conferees to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference July 19-22, 2009 in San Francisco, CA. Congressman Fattah has been asked to speak about the historic impact that NCCEP and GEAR UP have had and continue to have on our nation's education system.

Since the inception of GEAR UP, Mr. Fattah has pushed for increased funding for the program, currently authorized at \$400 million but funded at just over \$313 million. In the ten years since its enactment, more than 577 State and Partnership GEAR UP Grants have been awarded and more than 6 million students have been served by this innovative program. Recently, Mr. Fattah spoke at his high school alma mater on GEAR UP Day:

Mr. Fattah joins keynote speaker Sean Covey, author of the international bestseller *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, will give the keynote address Wednesday morning. Covey is popular among all age groups as a speaker on leadership. He serves as Senior Vice President of Innovations and Products at FranklinCovey, an organization devoted helping individuals and organizations achieve greatness.

Other highlights of this Annual Conference include the Youth Leadership Summit report presentation and over 150 peer-led concurrent sessions. Product demonstrations, program Gallery walk, and networking receptions are also a part of the agenda. The U.S. Department of Education will hold four pre-conference sessions specific to GEAR UP grantees on Sunday, July 19.

The conference is generously sponsored by CoBro Consulting; CollegeEd, a College Board program; ACT, Inc.; GEAR UP for Excellence; Quantum Learning Network; Intellectual Transition Facility; and Texas Instruments.

For more information and to register for the conference, please visit [www.edpartnerships.org](http://www.edpartnerships.org).

***About NCCEP:*** *NCCEP maintains offices in Washington, DC, and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and leads education reform efforts in both countries. NCCEP works with education partnerships funded by the U.S. federal government, the government of Mexico, public and private foundations, and corporations from both the United States and Mexico. For more information about NCCEP, please visit [www.edpartnerships.org](http://www.edpartnerships.org).*

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