

CALL *for* PRESENTERS

**AFCC-CA Annual
Conference:**
February 7-9, 2020
Park Central Hotel
San Francisco, CA



THE POWER OF DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Creating Connection, Compassion and Calm in Family Law

Our work in the field of family law, whether as judges, mental health professionals, attorneys, social workers, mediators or family court services providers, is full of difficult conversations: with colleagues, with the courts, with our clients, with ourselves. Moreover, and more importantly, the people we work with, who we see every day, who we help navigate this tricky terrain, are having difficult conversations with their spouses, partners, children, families, therapists, social workers, doctors, judges, attorneys and others. Perhaps most importantly, they and we are NOT having the sorts of conversations, difficult though they may be, that are necessary to facilitate healthy outcomes. So how can we can navigate these turbulent seas?

Our aim at this annual conference of the AFCC California Chapter is to explore the power of difficult conversations and how they can help create and strengthen relationships, even at their legal end. Difficult conversations can also lead to more empathy in our practices, in our client's cases, and in their lives going forward. Finally, though uncomfortable or charged, difficult conversations can initiate greater clarity and peace of mind in ourselves and those with whom we work.

AFCC has long been dedicated to pushing family law professionals of all disciplines to understand the complexities of modern family life and to find innovative and effective ways to further the interests of children and their parents through separation and divorce.

To that end, the California Chapter of AFCC invites interdisciplinary presentations that will assist professionals to understand and find creative solutions for these diverse challenges. Presenters are urged to "think outside the box," to be innovative both in their ideas and the form of presentation. In addition to lectures and panels, we urge presenters to include interactive demonstrations, creative use of audio and visual tools, and case studies.



Deadline for proposals is June 28, 2019 – See reverse side for a list of possible topics and instructions for submitting proposals.



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**Submit proposals electronically by June 28, 2019
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WORKSHOPS can be either 90 or 120 minutes, INSTITUTES are 4 hours, and topics may include, but are not limited to:

- How to give constructive and honest feedback to family law litigants
- Dealing with the licensing board as a forensic family law mental health practitioner
- Compassion fatigue, burnout and vicarious trauma in forensic family law
- Legal and mental health aspects of working with non-traditional family configurations in family law
- Best practices for custody evaluations involving sexual abuse evaluations
- Using Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) to inform clinical and forensic work
- New developments on domestic abuse in forensic family law
- Challenges in working with batterers in forensic family law
- Considerations when conducting custody evaluations involving a 3044 finding
- Guidelines in forensic interviewing of children and adults
- What happens to your brain when stressed?
- Advocacy vs. solution seeking: navigating difficult conversations with opposing counsel
- Establishing a safety protocol as a family law practitioner: How to manage threats of harm from child custody litigants
- Updates and successful strategies in parenting coordination
- Established practices and new trends in child custody recommending counseling and child custody recommending mediation

PLEASE NOTE:

Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Unless specifically invited by the conference planning committee, submission of multiple proposals by the same person(s) is discouraged. If you are submitting multiple proposals, please inform the other potential presenters with whom you are submitting proposals that you are doing so because it may result in one of such proposals not being considered or selected. AFCC-CA offers reduced registration rates for conference presenters and is unable to reimburse for travel, lodging, and related expenses. AFCC-CA cannot distribute any copyrighted materials without the written consent of both the author and copyright owner. Any copyrighted components of your proposal or presentation (including but not limited to cartoons, artwork, slides, projections, or audio/video recordings) should be submitted with the accompanying permissions.

Deadline for proposals is June 28, 2019. To be considered, all proposals must include all of the following information:

1. Title, presenters, and preferred length of presentation, e.g., Workshop (90 or 120 minutes); Institute (4 hours);
2. An abstract of 150 words or less describing your proposed Workshop or Institute;
3. A one-page outline of your proposed session;
4. Three (3) learning objectives stated in behavioral terms (*see below);
5. Three (3) citations from professional literature within the last ten years that provide support for your program (do not include newsletter articles or links to websites);
6. A 100-word biography and a full resume/CV for each presenter (these documents must be separate, not combined);
7. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address for each presenter. You must identify which presenter will be the "coordinator" for your presentation. No more than four (4) presenters for any program); and,
8. Two (2) professional references.

*** Go to our website, <http://www.afcc-ca.org>, for instructions on writing learning objectives in behavioral terms.**

