

CALL *for* PRESENTERS

AFCC-CA Annual
Conference:
February 4-6, 2022
Park Central Hotel
San Francisco, CA



AREN'T WE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER?

The Importance of Early Intervention to Reach All Children and Families in Family Court Cases

There is growing concern among stakeholders in the family law community that many children and families, particularly those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds and marginalized communities, do not have access to and/or utilize the psycho-legal services needed to help them heal and move forward. Getting in early before positions harden is a critical step. Unfortunately, many children and families remain embroiled in conflict and vulnerable to toxic stress associated with litigating in family court. Families with ample resources can provide cushion but not necessarily protection from toxicity. To make matters even more complex and severe, children and families, as well as family law professionals, continue to be confronted with unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now more than ever, what we need is an exchange of ideas. We, as family law professionals, need to be open to new approaches to reach those families in distress. We need to learn about and adopt practical interventions and solutions that others may have found to be effective in their local communities. Additionally, we need to engage in an ongoing discussion about the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, about those children and families left behind during the pandemic, and about what we as professionals can do to prevent such a crisis within a crisis in the future.

The aim of the current conference is multifold:

1. To educate and guide each other about early intervention models that have been effective in local communities;
2. To squarely address the inequities of a two-tiered system to reach and better serve all children and families;
3. To continue the work of identifying and addressing bias in our personal and professional lives and the systems in which we work;
4. To integrate what we've learned from COVID-19 to improve the practice of family law going forward.



Deadline for proposals is July 30, 2021 – See reverse side for a list of possible topics and instructions for submitting proposals.



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Submit proposals online at
<https://www.afcc-ca.org/call-submissions/>
no later than July 30, 2021

WORKSHOPS can be either 90 or 120 minutes, **INSTITUTES** are 4 hours, and topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Local models to case resolution
- Two-tiered justice and ideas for closing the gap
- Planning for the next pandemic
- Benefits of pro bono work
- Cultural formulations in child custody evaluations
- Updates and best practices in family law cases involving a parental relocation
- Virtual parent child relationships post parental relocation judicial decisions
- Best practices in reducing cultural bias for family law professionals
- Updates in Intimate partner violence assessment and interventions
- Collaboration and dialogue between private and public family court involved professionals
- Updates and best practices in substance use assessments for in family law cases
- What's new in psychological testing in child custody evaluations
- The risks and benefits of using technology to work with children and families post COVID-19
- Evidence based and evidence informed psychotherapy treatment models
- Parenting plans for 'special needs' children and their families
- Best practices in working with 'non-traditional' families

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.

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.

