

CALL *for* PRESENTERS

AFCC-CA Annual Conference:
February 10-12, 2023
Westin South Coast Plaza
Costa Mesa, California

RUNNIN' ON EMPTY:

What Do You Do When You Haven't Got a Clue – Innovative Ideas and Solutions for New and Old Problems

Has it occurred to you that these “turbulent times” now seem to be the new “normal”? The practice of family law has historically been challenging for members of the judiciary, attorneys, and mental health professions. Adding to a COVID pandemic that just won't go away are strains on families resulting from rapid increases in the costs of living and economic uncertainty, persistent political and racial turmoil, vast changes in our climate and an increasingly polarized red and blue nation. These factors have compounded the difficulties we face as family law professionals.

Sixty years and counting with AFCC we face many of the same and recurring problems we faced at our founding while facing new challenges brought on by the complexities of new family structures, gender identity, sexual orientation, increasingly nuanced and expanded definitions of domestic violence, and uncertain changes in the right to control our bodies and obtain appropriate health care, among other issues. Our children, families and friends face these increasingly complex problems with fewer and more expensive resources available to help. What new ideas and approaches can we discuss, explore and apply to the problems we all now face? We are called to be collaborative and creative in our efforts to improve the lives of families, children and communities.

With the foregoing in mind, the focus of the 2023 California conference – “*Runnin' On Empty: What to Do When You Haven't Got a Clue*” – aims at:

1. Cutting edge and creative solutions to the increasingly difficult times in which we practice.
2. Opportunities for engagement and partnerships with other professionals (e.g., police, physicians, clergy) who are the first to be involved with domestic abuse, a deteriorating adult relationship, or inappropriate parental practices.
3. Examining alternative interventions and therapies for issues ranging from resist-refusal issues to mental health issues to
4. Engaging conference participants in the exchange of ideas and practices.
5. Developing practices to protect professionals from burnout.



Firm deadline for proposals is September 9, 2022 – 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 September 9, 2022

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

- Access to Justice and Serving the Needs of Underserved Communities
- Cultural Diversity Issues in Family Law
- The Voices of Children - In and Out of the Courtroom
- Intimate Partner Violence - Definition and Treatment
- Assessing Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse
- Innovations in Family Dispute Resolution Outside of Court
- Parent-Child Relations and Gender Identity Issues
- Unique Issues in Blended Families
- Challenges in International and Interstate Custody Disputes
- New Treatments for Addiction - Drug, Alcohol, Sex and Other Maladies
- Using - and Challenging - Research in Family Law Courts
- Mental Health for Lawyers, Judges and Mental Health Professionals - Keeping Your Cool When Everyone Else is Losing Their's
- New Tools and Educational Innovations
- Effective Means and Techniques for Mediating Family and Custody Dispute
- Child Custody Evaluation, Minor's Interviews and Related Assessment Methods, Benefits and Limitations
- Artificial Intelligence and the Courts in Family Law Matters
- Bench Officer Training
- Community Alliances - Mental Health Professionals Working with Hospitals, Schools, Religious Centers and Places of Worship, School Administrators and Teachers and Law Enforcement
- Intersection of Faith and Law

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.

