

CALL *for* PRESENTERS

**AFCC-CA Annual
Conference:**
February 6-8, 2026
Double Tree by Hilton
Sacramento, California

Practical Solutions for Complex Family Law Challenges

Family law professionals in California are often presented with cases that require in-depth knowledge of multifaceted issues—such as parental relocation, parent-child contact problems, family violence, and the needs of neurodivergent adults or children. These challenges are frequently interwoven and evolve rapidly, making it essential for practitioners to stay informed about the latest research, case law, and interdisciplinary approaches relevant to court-involved children and families.

The urgency of these matters, combined with the emotional and developmental impact on children, places tremendous pressure on family law professionals to respond efficiently and effectively. Yet, due to the complexity of these cases, there is no standardized protocol or universally accepted approach for professionals to follow. This creates a pressing need for collective knowledge-sharing and innovation within our field.

This conference aims to bring together professionals working at the intersection of law, psychology, and child development to highlight what works—practical, experience-informed solutions that can support and guide colleagues handling similar cases. Our goal is to build an accessible, centralized, and evidence-based framework that practitioners can use when working with court-involved families.

We invite presenters to submit:

- A written summary of the proposed presentation, including learning objectives, core takeaways, and relevance to current family law challenges in California.
- An optional short video (2–3 minutes) introducing the proposed topic and outlining your approach or key message. This will help the planning committee better understand the tone and content of your presentation and may be used for promotional purposes if your session is selected.



Deadline for proposals is August 1, 2025 – 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 August 1, 2025

AFCC California is soliciting proposals for the California AFCC Annual Conference to be held February 6-8, 2026 in Sacramento, California. AFCC-CA encourages proposals to address the topics below:

- Evidence-informed interventions for cases involving parent-child contact issues.
- Interventions that address cultural diversity issues in family law cases.
- Recruiting more mental health professionals into family law practice.
- Developing ethical and prudent parent coaching protocols.
- Non-traditional families involved in family law cases.
- Intersection between family law and immigration law issues.
- What judges need from family law practitioners to make informed decisions.
- Best practices in working with self-represented litigants.
- Working with transgender children or adults.
- Settlement-focused parenting plan evaluations.
- Family violence issues and updates.
- Working with Neurodivergent adults and/or children.
- Working with adults and/or children with physical disabilities.
- Best practices in conducting brief focused assessments.
- Updates and best practices for minor's counsel.
- Alternative dispute resolution interventions (including but not limited to Parenting Coordination and Child Custody Recommending Counseling or Mediation).
- Supervised visitation services.
- Best practices in child forensic interviewing.
- Working with Children with complex medical issues.
- Ethical and prudent consultation in child custody litigation.
- Social media and its impact on children, parents, and family law practitioners.
- The impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on our work.
- Substance use evaluations and interventions in family law cases.
- Ethical and risk management practices for family law professionals.

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.
9. Optional: 2-3-minute video introducing the proposed topic and outlining your approach or key message

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

AFCC California continues to seek to add new voices to our exceptional panels and is looking to create a culture of mentorship not only in the field but at the annual conference by inviting seasoned presenters to pair with less experienced ones. We also invite professionals representing traditionally under-represented populations (e.g. people of color, LGBTQ+ people) and those outside of family law to submit proposals. AFCC-CA further seeks to broaden AFCC-CA's reach into underserved communities and invites presenters to add content that is focused on racial, ethnic, gender, LGBTQ+, and socio-economic diversity.