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**CSEC Preconference Summit
July 11, 2022
CALL FOR PAPERS**

Dear Interested Professionals,

The Association of Children's Residential & Community Services seeks presentations for a Preconference Summit to immediately precede our 66th Annual Conference. The summit itself will be held on July 11, 2022. Presenters with the voice of lived experience and/or who reflect the diversity of the populations we serve are especially encouraged to submit.

We invite you to join us in raising the bar of excellence across our field as we look to QUALITY in preventing, assessing, and serving young people at risk of, experiencing, and surviving the traumas of commercial sexual exploitation. It is inarguable that the children and families we serve deserve both access and excellence when they experience mental and behavioral health interventions. This conference is intended to acknowledge those intrinsic rights and to support providers in that goal. Building on 66 years of laser focus on best practices, our 2022 annual conference will take our overarching themes of Quality, Research, Outcomes and Impact.

We are preparing this summit as a deeper dive into how we are serving this vulnerable population. For individuals who are new to CSEC work, ACRC will be providing a webinar to all attendees to cover introductory information prior to the event.

Please review these suggested themes to be the focus of submissions:

Continuity of care for DMST survivors in medical settings - Focus on forensic evals, creating partnerships with medical providers, assessments for youth returning to care after eloping, addressing the needs of pregnant survivors, caring for survivor youth diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, etc.

Building the Bridge: Education, Community, and Providers - Exploring effective DMST policies that protect youth in educational settings and beyond. The PUSHOUT Effect - Understanding ACES and the power of vulnerabilities.

JEDI and DMST: Honoring survivor's culture through JEDI, safe spaces, and advocacy - Building sustainable programming through JEDI lens, honoring survivors through cultural storytelling, incorporate experiential knowledge.

Collaboration with Law Enforcement & Court Systems - Removing the stigma from collaboration with law enforcement and court systems, providing trauma informed support when testifying, addressing legal needs of youth, understanding prosecution and the role of the survivor, etc.

Social Media Matters - How youth are desensitized and lured through social media and other forms of technology, how to reach vulnerable youth through social media, technology and biofeedback to treat trauma, etc.

Research and Interventions for Male DMST Survivors - Myths and barriers to boys and DMST, male survivor experiential voice, culture and gender implications to treating BIPOC survivors, exploring the link between DMST and LGBTQI+.

Psychopharmacology, Substance Use and DMST - Control tactics in the Den, Psychopharmacology, DMST and treatment, identifying addiction's role in DMST.

Trauma - Culturally responsive approaches to treating and supporting survivors of DMST through a trauma informed lens. Trauma informed survivor care in higher level treatment settings (IOP, PHP, wilderness, residential), Assessment, Bridging the gap with trauma informed community-based aftercare

These CSEC specific topics should also incorporate our overall conference goals by addressing these key topics:

- ❖ **Racial Equity.** Address racial inequity, social justice, and system transformations; develop objectives to reduce and eliminate disproportionality and disparities in child welfare, education, mental health, housing, juvenile and criminal justice systems.
- ❖ **Innovation.** Show how we are determining, executing, and evaluating quality innovations while meeting individual needs; share innovative practices inside the milieu and extended into homes/community; explain the beneficial use of technology and creative, effective practices developed as a result of the global pandemic but kept in place due to the positive impact and outcomes.
- ❖ **Uncompromised Access.** Examine our pathways to care, recognizing barriers, stigmas, gatekeepers, and opportunities.
- ❖ **Voice.** Hear and incorporate the voice of lived experience as we reexamine our internal policies and practices, such as restraint, points and levels, relational interactions, innovative practices, and therapeutic goals.
- ❖ **Workforce Development.** Highlight hiring, training, supporting, and retaining quality staff who are critical to quality in the milieu, in the organization, and to positive impact and outcomes in the lives of children and families.
- ❖ **Research.** Research on the effectiveness of interventions for children and families and the efficacy of the field for positive outcome.
- ❖ **Impact.** The impact of your work can be individual or seen more broadly in the community. Show how your organization is supporting strong and healthy individuals, families, and communities.
- ❖ **Outcomes.** Impact IS measurable. How are we assessing the short- and long-term impact of your work?

Selection of Presentations

Presentations for our annual conference are carefully chosen by ACRC's Program Committee. The committee will be looking for papers/presentations which:

1. Model best practice and innovation
2. **Use people-first language and incorporate family-driven, youth-guided values***
3. Include youth and/or family members as co-presenters
4. Include outcomes data
5. Do **NOT** market or sell a product, consultant, model or program
6. Embrace the principles outlined in ACRC's Redefining Residential Series as well as the Building Bridges Initiative, all of which can be found on our website at www.togetherthevoice.org
7. Demonstration of the specific, planned integration of the content of ACRC's position papers to improve service delivery, please find our position paper series here: www.togetherthevoice.org/best-practices/position-papers

***Extra weight will be given to these submissions during the vetting process**

Presenter Attendance

ACRC extends a complimentary preconference registration to all presenters and a \$100 discount for our main conference should you choose to join us for the main conference, beginning with the poster presentation session on Monday evening.

Presenter Responsibilities

Should your presentation be selected*, you would be responsible for the following:

1. For in person presenters, you will give all A/V, room set-up, and other logistical requirements to the ACRC by **6/1/22** and work with ACRC to assure logistical requirements are met. Additionally, you will provide information about co-presenters (name, title, organization, contact information) to ACRC.
2. Virtual presenters will work with ACRC to meet logistical requirements.
3. You will give your presentation in the allotted time, allowing for questions, and will not use this opportunity to market any product or program to attendees.
4. You are giving ACRC permission to house your presentation on our website for attendee access. In person presentations will be recorded for virtual use.
5. You will submit a sample power point no later than 6 weeks before the conference to support our request for NASW CEUs.
6. You will provide 15 questions for a post test with an answer key (only one may be t/f)

*Submission of a paper means that you understand and agree to these responsibilities.

Guidelines for Submission of Proposals

1. Complete the online submission with an abstract of up to 500 words prepared specifically for this request for papers and provide all requested information.
2. Designate a primary author in your proposal. Only that person will receive communication from ACRC and will then be responsible for informing any co-author/co-presenter(s).
3. **Deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday, January 31st, 2022**
4. Submissions must be uploaded to our website www.togetherthevoice.org

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

You will be asked to submit the following:

1. Abstract: up to 500-word abstract of your proposed presentation
2. Topic: Focus of presentation and how presentation relates to conference topic
3. Bio and Resume: A short (4-6 line ONLY) biographical statement and your resume (5 pages max) for all presenters.
4. Learning goals for participants
5. Brief description of your presenting experience.
6. Photos of all presenters.

Questions may be directed to:

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