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CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear Interested Professionals,

The Association of Children's Residential & Community Services seeks presentations for its 67th Annual Conference, to be held May 16-19, 2023. We are expecting travel and gathering will be safe and welcomed for many, however knowing there are factors that may keep us apart, we will also be offering our presentations virtually. For this reason, ACRC is seeking abstract submissions from presenters willing to present live: in-person or virtually. We also offer a robust poster presentation session both in person and virtually. 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 EQUITY and QUALITY in care and all that encompasses. It is inarguable that the children and families we serve deserve both access and voice 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 67 years of laser focus on best practices, our 2023 annual conference will embrace our overarching themes of Quality, Equity, Access, and Voice.

Please review these suggested themes which ACRC's program committee requests be the focus of submissions:

- ❖ **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?
- ❖ **Family Engagement.** Demonstrate how outcomes improve when leaders move beyond just informing or consulting family members and, instead, truly engage and partner with family every step of the way; explain the value of incorporating parent partners and other peer specialists in the work; expand understanding of permanency beyond the child welfare context to include increasing belonging and connection for all young people.

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 \$100 registration discount to the person identified as the primary presenter and a \$50 discount to any secondary presenters for anyone wishing to be a full conference attendee in person with us in Minneapolis. Virtual presenters will receive a complimentary virtual registration.

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 ACRC by **4/7/23** 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 8 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, November 7th, 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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