

18th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference

Call for Proposals



THE CONFERENCE FOCUS

The 18th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference, Fostering Connections, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Independent Living Services and the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, will be held **June 23-25, at the Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.**

The conference serves as a forum to educate, train and support participants to prepare children, older youth and families to move through the child welfare system towards permanency. The conference is a focal point for networking and sharing information to increase the knowledge base for child and adolescent issues in special needs adoptions and permanency.

PURPOSE

This conference is designed for resource families, kinship care providers, permanent legal custodians, independent living workers, legal professionals, permanency professionals, child welfare workers and others with a vested interest in providing permanency services for children and adolescents.

NOTIFICATION

If your proposal is selected, notification and all subsequent correspondence will be sent only to the lead presenter listed. Please share this information with all co-presenters.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS SUGGESTED TOPICS

Please use the topics below as a guide as you prepare your submission. Proposals will be selected for their relevance to the conference theme, ***Fostering Connections***, engaging format, style, clarity, content, originality, ability to be replicated, cultural competency and interest to the targeted audience.

- Services for older youth/independent living
- Permanency options
- Family group decision making / group conferencing
- Parenting the child with special needs
- Education & vocational training
- Permanency research
- Cross-systems collaboration
- Impact of abuse / neglect on permanency
- Impact of substance abuse on permanency
- Sexual identity
- Legal support and challenges
- Adolescent issues
- Professional/family member co-presentations are encouraged

PRESENTER BENEFITS

Presenters will receive a complimentary one-day conference registration on the day of their presentation. This will include all the meals provided to conference attendees that day. All presenters will be offered a discounted registration fee to attend additional days of the conference. More information and a custom registration form will be sent to each scheduled speaker along with the speaker agreement form. If requested, mileage reimbursement for auto travel will be provided at the current commonwealth travel rate.

ROOM SET-UP / AUDIO VISUAL

Due to room size and the number of attendees, all room set-ups will be theater style (chairs only). Sorry, we are not able to pay for internet access. Let us know what other items, such as LCD projectors, you may require for set-up.

**Deadline for submission is
November 30, 2009.**

18th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference Presentation Proposal

Title: _____

Lead presenter:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Co-presenter(s) name & affiliation (If more than one co-presenter please submit multiple co-presenter on an additional sheet with all contact information listed):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Type: **Workshop** (1.5 hours) **Institute** (3 hours)

Availability: (please check all that apply)

Wednesday, June 23, PM Session Thursday, June 24, AM Session

Thursday, June 24, PM Session Friday, June 25, AM Session

Level: Consider carefully your skill level and ensure your presentation fits the desired skill level definition.

Basic ~ participants are new to the subject area

Intermediate ~ participants with three to seven years experience

Advanced ~ participants with more than seven years experience

Intended audience ~ Consider carefully your target audience. Also, include prior knowledge needed, if any.

Families Permanency/IL Professionals Advocates Child Welfare Workers Legal Professionals

Presentation title and description ~ Session titles need to be very short (no more than eight words).

Descriptions help participants make informed decisions about which sessions to attend. Please submit a concise description of 25 to 40 words to be placed in our conference brochure. In addition to the concise description a detailed description of your session must also be submitted or will not be considered. This will help the committee members make informed selections.

***Notice:** If you submit a proposal for the permanency conference based on work or research done by someone else, you must obtain the proper permissions from the original researcher or author and submit those permissions with your proposal. Diakon / FDR is not responsible for verifying the originality of submissions and cannot be held accountable for presenters' copyright infringements or other violations of ownership rights.*

Mail, fax or e-mail complete proposals by **November 30, 2009** to:

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