

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Deadline for information: March 20, 2020

Invitation to Presenters

The Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families 25th Annual Conference will be held at the **Omni New Haven at Yale, New Haven, CT** on May 1-2, 2020. Workshops are scheduled on Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd beginning at 9 A.M. We have 1½ hour A.M. or P.M. sessions that may be conducted by a single presenter/co-presenters, or a panel. Conference attendees include foster, adoptive and kinship care providers along with child welfare agency staff, clinicians and community service providers.

This year our conference theme is “Celebrating 25 Years: Making a Difference.” Please tailor your workshop title and description to reflect this theme. Some ideas/possible titles are “Maximizing your Childs Potential, It’s Not a Case; It’s Someone’s Life, Can I speak in Court for my Foster Child, Dad’s Matter Too” We will be looking for new and creative approaches, as well as answers to many of the same issues faced by today’s children/youth in foster care and those who provide a safe nurturing home on a temporary or permanent basis.

We regret that we are unable to provide payment to presenters and we are unable to reimburse presenters for costs incurred to attend the conference. We can however help to offset cost by assisting with printed material for the workshop. (Printed materials must be received by April 10, 2020) We do value the time and expertise presenters bring to the conference. We waive the registration fee, which includes meals and refreshments provided during the conference. We also offer our vendor tables to Presenters for free in the exhibit hall if you are interested in promoting or selling your material.

If you would like to be considered as a workshop presenter please fill out the application located on the next page. All submissions must be received no later than **March 20, 2020**.

Completed applications along with any pertinent information can be emailed to:

vanessa.williamson@cafafct.org

If you have any question or you are interested in presenting for all six workshops (three on Friday and three on Saturday please contact Vanessa Williamson for special accommodation.

Please call 860-258-3400 or email vanessa.williamson@cafafct.org

CAFAF 25th Annual Conference Presenters Application

All submissions must be received no later than **March 20, 2020**.

Primary Presenter: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____@_____

Name and credentials of each trainer

Workshop title

Description of workshop (please limit to 130 words or less).

Example:

Anne Giordano, M.A.

Heidi Maderia, MS IMH-E®

“What About The Baby? Everything You Wanted To Know About Infant and Toddler Development”

This workshop will define infant toddler development and the impact of early attachment relationships on the social and emotional health and well-being of infants and toddlers. Additionally, this session will explore the concept that “All behavior has meaning,” with a look at potential triggers that could escalate behaviors in very young children. We will end with a discussion about the impact of challenging behaviors on caregivers, along with useful strategies to promote emotional regulation and positive behavior in young children.

Single/co-presenter _____ Panel _____

Please provide the information above for secondary presenter or panel members.

Day/time preference: **Friday** 1.5hr (9:00 A.M. - 10:30A.M.) _____ 1.5hr (10:45A.M.-12:15P.M.) _____

Saturday 1.5hr (9:00 A.M. - 10:30A.M.) _____ 1.5hr (10:45A.M.-12:15P.M.) _____

The items listed below can be provided for your workshop. Please check those needed.

Screen _____ Cart _____ Extension Cord _____ Flip Chart _____ Markers _____

Other (Please Specify): if not already provided _____

I am interested in a table in the exhibit hall at no charge: Yes _____ No _____

I understand that the Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families are unable to compensate me and reimburse for any costs related to my presentation at the conference. I also understand that all equipment not provided by CAFAF or the Omni Hotel must be approved by CAFAF prior to use at the conference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You will receive notification of your acceptance as a workshop presenter no later than March 27, 2020. At that time, we will confirm intended participation.