CALL FOR PRESENTERS
Deadline for information: July 17, 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 October 23-24, 2020. Workshops are scheduled on Friday October 23rd and Saturday October 24th. We have 1½ hour sessions that may be conducted by a single presenter/co-presenter, 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 Child’s 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 July 31, 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 July 17, 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 workshops on Friday and 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 July 17, 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. - 10:30 A.M.) _____  1.5hr (10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.) ___

Saturday 1.5hr (9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.) ____  1.5hr (10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.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 July 24, 2020. At that time, we will confirm intended participation.