

Children's System of Care
Training and Technical Assistance Program
Rutgers University Behavioral HealthCare
Behavioral Research and Training Institute

Children's System of Care Statewide Conference
Highlighting New Jersey's Expertise in Supporting Youth

CALL FOR PAPERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care is pleased to present this "Call for Papers" for our statewide Conference to be held on October 28, 2014, at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, Iselin, NJ.

The 2014 conference will enhance professional knowledge and collaborative partnerships to improve the effectiveness of our Children's System of Care. The conference encompasses our desire to nurture working relationships among families, professionals, and systems in order to support children, youth, and young adults with behavioral health challenges, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance abuse challenges and their families.

The conference will provide a forum to learn about and discuss current trends in serving children and adolescents. This is a unique opportunity for youth, families, and practitioners to network and better understand the roles of the various disciplines in the NJ Children's System of Care. The conference is planned to include a plenary session and workshops designed to enhance professional development and to further the goals of the NJ Children's System of Care.

The NJ Children's System of Care is committed to featuring local and national expertise on issues, trends, and best practices in behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance abuse work with children and youth. Workshops are intensive sessions which will emphasize skill building and audience participation. Proposals are requested for **1.5 hour workshops** on issues of concern to youth, families, and professionals in child mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, child protection, prevention, juvenile justice and the courts. Proposals will be considered for both panels and single presenters.

Selection Criteria and Submission Information

Interested presenters are encouraged to submit proposals on topics related to any aspect of child behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or substance abuse. Workshops that address collaboration across systems will be given first preference.

To be considered, proposals must be received by **Friday, July 11, 2014**. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. The conference is unable to provide honoraria or to underwrite or reimburse any travel or lodging expenses incurred by presenters. Presenters will be provided with complimentary conference registration (up to 2 presenters per workshop). Communication regarding each proposal will be directed to the lead presenter designated on the Abstract Cover Page. Notification of proposals selected for presentation at the conference will be emailed to each lead presenter following review of all proposals submitted.

Instructions for Submission

Please send an email with the following attachments to: Kathleen.Finnerty@rutgers.edu

- Completed Abstract Cover Page (see below)
- Current resume or CV for each presenter (up to 2 presenters per workshop will receive complimentary conference registration)
- Brief (fifty-word or less) biographical statement for each presenter
- One-page abstract (approximately 400 words) which describes the content and format of your proposed presentation:
 - Clearly state the proposed workshop's relevance to current practice or knowledge.
 - List one or two measurable objectives for the workshop indicating specific knowledge or skills that participants will attain, being certain to address issues of cultural competence in a least one objective.
 - If your proposed workshop is clinical in nature, provide a description of the clinical content.
 - *Please do not include on your abstract page any information identifying the presenters.*

For questions or further information, please contact: Kathleen Finnerty, PhD, Program Manager, CSOC Training and Technical Assistance at Kathleen.Finnerty@rutgers.edu or 732-235-9346.

All materials must be received by July 11, 2014 for consideration.

ABSTRACT COVER PAGE

Please complete and return this form with your abstract.

Title of Presentation:

Brief (two-sentence) Workshop Description:

Type of audio-visual equipment the presentation will require (if any):

Name, Title and Affiliation of each Presenter (Please list lead presenter first):

Lead Presenter Mailing Address:

Lead Presenter Phone:

Lead Presenter Email Address:

Please indicate the target audience(s) that would be best served by your presentation:

Youth

Family members

Professionals with less than five years in practice

Professionals with five to ten years in practice

Professionals with more than ten years in practice