

**34th Annual Conference  
Pennsylvania State Resource  
Family Association  
Call for Presentations**

**October 28-30, 2010  
Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg**



*Families Helping Families*

## **THE CONFERENCE FOCUS**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association Conference – “Angels Among Us” – will be held **October 28-30, 2010, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Harrisburg.** The conference focuses on better serving Pennsylvania’s foster children through the improved array of services available to children and their resource families. This year’s conference speakers will address issues pertaining to birth, adoptive, foster, kinship and legal custodian families, as well as issues pertaining to permanency planning, placement, education and foster care. This conference will provide excellent opportunities for participants to learn and share information regarding best practices, particularly in the areas of recruitment and retention of resource families, and in improving permanency outcomes for children in foster care.

## **WHO WILL ATTEND**

This conference is designed for resource families (foster, adoptive and kinship), health professionals, public and private agency professionals providing permanency services for the children on behalf of whom we work.

## **SUGGESTED TOPICS**

Grief/Loss	Mental Health
Abandonment	Diversity
Recruitment & Retention of Resource Families	Kinship
Independent Living	Adoption Subsidy
Permanency Planning & Services	Sexual Language
Child & Family Prep for Permanency	Family Group
	Attachment
	Kinship

## **PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

- Presentation title (8 word maximum)
- Presentation description (40 word maximum)
- Lead presenter and co-presenter(s) biography
- Three learning objectives of the session

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be selected on their relevance to the conference theme, engaging format, style, clarity, content, originality, ability to be replicated, cultural competency, and interest to the target audience.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Notification of whether your proposal has been selected and all subsequent correspondence will be sent only to the primary presenter. It is the responsibility of the primary presenter to inform any other presenters of all written and oral communication.

## **PRESENTERS RECEIVE**

Presenters will receive a complimentary one-day conference registration on the day of their presentation. This includes meals that are provided to conference attendees on that day. All presenters will be offered a discounted registration fee to attend additional conference registration days. A presenter confirmation form will be sent to all presenters accepted.

## **ROOM SET-UP – AUDIO/VISUAL**

In an attempt to conserve funds, we ask all presenters to identify only the equipment that is essential for their sessions. Due to limited availability, we ask that televisions, video players, and LCD Projectors be requested only where they are integral to each session. As we do not have the capacity to provide these items to all who request them, we encourage you to bring your own, and let us know what other items, such as electrical cords, you may require for set-up.

All rooms will be equipped with microphones so that each session can be taped. Lavalier or cordless hand-held microphones will be ordered only for large sessions or for speakers with accessibility needs under special conditions.

## **WORKSHOP LEVELS**

Session descriptions in the registration brochure will help participants make informed decisions about which sessions to attend. Please consider carefully your target audience and skill level; make sure your presentation fits the skill level definition.

**CE’s will be available to attendees.**

Please check the type of audience who will benefit from your sessions (please check all that apply):

- Families
- Administrators
- Professionals
- Others – please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the level of experience for which your session is best suited (please check only one):

- Basic (participants are new to the subject area)
- Intermediate (participants with 3-7 years experience)
- Advanced (participants with more than 7 years experience)

**Workshop Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Presenter:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Presenter(s)** (If more than one, please submit on an additional sheet with all contact information listed):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WORKSHOP SCHEDULING**

Please check all days that you would be available to conduct your sessions:

- Thursday, 10/28/10, 2:00 – 4:00 (2 hours)
- Friday, 10/29/10, 8:30 – 11:30 (3 hours)
- Friday, 10/29/10, 1:00 – 4:00 (3 hours)

**I will need the following:**

- Flip Charts/Markers
- Overhead Projector
- Screen
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach workshop description, three learning objectives and presenter biographies.**

**Mail, fax, or email complete proposals by June 1, 2010 to:**

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