

FFTA



Foster Family-based Treatment Association

## **FFTA 30th Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care**

**July 10-13, 2016**

**Hyatt Regency • New Orleans, LA**

### **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

Experienced and dynamic presenters from the fields of child welfare and children's mental health are invited to submit workshop proposal for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care, hosted by the Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA).

#### **About the Conference:**

Each year more than 600 treatment foster care and related family-based service professionals gather from around the world to expand their knowledge-base and learn new strategies and models that help vulnerable children and youth in out-of-home care thrive in a family-based treatment setting. Professionals who attend this conference typically have substantial experience in the field (most with 10 or more years of experience).

#### **Advanced-level Topics of Interest:**

The FFTA Conference Committee is interested in receiving proposals for **advanced-level** workshops on topics geared toward clinicians; agency CEOs and other senior-level staff; program managers and directors; supervisors; administrative staff; foster parent trainers, researchers and evaluators; and foster parents.

Successful treatment foster care programs encompass a vast array of service supports and there are many topics of interest to our conference attendees. Many participants work across the child welfare service continuum and are interested in applying what they learn throughout agency programs that engage family- and community-based treatment strategies. As such, workshop topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| ▪ Evidence-based/Evidence-informed practice & implementation | ▪ CQI/PQI strategies                          | ▪ Staff and foster parent supervision   |
| ▪ Behavior management interventions                          | ▪ Permanency planning                         | ▪ Training techniques   |
| ▪ Recruitment & retention of resource families               | ▪ Services supporting transition to adulthood | ▪ Public policy & advocacy  |
| ▪ Assessments  | ▪ Agency management/CEO issues                | ▪ Collaborations  |
| ▪ Matching   | ▪ Fund development                            | ▪ Work with children with medically fragile conditions, developmental disabilities & other special population needs |
| ▪ Work with biological families                              | ▪ New program development                     | ▪ Cultural competency   |
| ▪ Outcomes and program evaluation                            | ▪ Ethics                                      | ▪ Technology  |
| ▪ Application of research to practice                        | ▪ Trauma-informed care                        |   |
|  | ▪ Kinship treatment foster care               |   |
|  | ▪ Adoption                                    |   |
|  | ▪ Leadership development                      |   |

#### **Presenter Requirements:**

Presenters should rely on interactive presentation methods. Presenters are expected to produce and provide handouts for their workshop in a digital format 4 weeks prior to the conference, these handouts will be loaded onto the Conference App. FFTA does not provide laptops or internet access to presenters. Presenters are **prohibited** from selling or promoting products or services during their workshops. FFTA provides opportunities outside of workshops for advertising and exhibiting for a fee.

In cases where there is more than one presenter, a "primary presenter" should be designated. Only the primary presenter will receive a complimentary conference registration (travel and hotel expenses are not included). Primary presenters will be responsible for disseminating presentation information to secondary presenters, if there are any.

## Proposal Requirements:

Your proposal must include the following information to be considered by the Conference Committee:

1. Name, designations, title, agency name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of all presenters. List the primary presenter first.
2. Title of the presentation (**up to 10 words**).
3. A brief description (**up to 80 words**) of the presentation for inclusion in the **conference brochure** that will explain what will be covered in the workshop.
4. An expanded description of the presentation. Outline **learning objectives, content, and format** (i.e., roundtable, role-play, lecture, video, etc.). For *Research Presentations*, describe the research question or problem, methods used, and the results. Describe what you will highlight in your presentation to show the research's **application** to practice and/or policy.
5. A resume of each presenter that indicates credentials and previous lecturing/training experience. Please include, if available, a copy of an evaluation summary from a recent presentation. Indicate if you have presented at an FFTA conference in the past, if so, please include your evaluation summaries.
6. At least two references (for primary presenters only), including the references' names and e-mail addresses.
7. Length of presentation (select): • 1½ hours • 3 hours
8. Indicate Presentation Track (no more than two tracks may be selected):
  - Clinical • Administrative • CEO/Senior Management • Research/Evaluation
9. Indicate Presentation Level for audience:
  - Intermediate (5-10 years of experience) • Advanced (11-20 years of experience) • Senior (21+ years of experience)

## Proposal Submission Options:

E-mail 1 copy of proposal and resume(s) to [akoscielny@ffta.org](mailto:akoscielny@ffta.org) *or* mail 1 copy of proposal, resume(s):

FFTA 2015 Conference

294 Union Street

Hackensack, NJ 07601-4303 U.S.A.

Direct question to: Alexandra Koscielny at (800) 414-3382, ext. 122 or [akoscielny@ffta.org](mailto:akoscielny@ffta.org)

*Receipt of proposals will be acknowledged by e-mail to the primary presenter. If you submit a proposal and don't receive acknowledgement by January 5, 2016 contact the FFTA office.*

<b>Deadline for receipt of proposals is Wednesday, December 16, 2015</b>
--

## About FFTA

The Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA) is the leading advocate for Treatment Foster Care and the only national association that represents treatment foster care programs. Its membership of over 400 agencies provides treatment foster care services across North America to over 50,000 children and youth each year and a larger array of child welfare and mental health services to over 600,000 vulnerable children and youth. FFTA's mission is to strengthen agencies that support families caring for vulnerable children. For more information, visit [www.ffta.org](http://www.ffta.org)