



Family
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Association

**FFTA 34th Annual Conference on
Treatment Family Care
July 12-15, 2020
Hyatt Regency ~ New Orleans, LA
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Experienced and dynamic presenters from the fields of child welfare, family focused treatment and community-based services are invited to submit workshop proposals for the 33rd Annual Conference, hosted by the Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA) – formerly Foster Family-based Treatment Association.

About the Conference:

Each year over 700 treatment foster care, child welfare, and other family focused 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. 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 provide family focused treatment services. As such, workshop topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

Family focused treatment interventions – implementing evidence-based/evidence-informed practices, trauma-informed care, strategies to meet clinical and treatment goals, behavior management and de-escalation, etc.

Expanding treatment foster care into treatment family care, i.e., kinship, bio, and adoptive families

A focus on treatment parents – recruitment/retention, licensing, training, support, coaching, engaging in treatment planning, promoting relationships with biological families, etc.

Achieving successful placements – assessments, placement stability, case management, permanency planning, treatment planning, family search and engagement, matching, etc.

Culturally responsive practice – cultural awareness, racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparities, building a diverse workforce and board, etc.

Strategies for CEOs/Senior Managers – Leadership development, succession planning, strategic planning, service expansion, new program development, organizational development and innovation, risk management, accreditation, building efficiencies through technology, mergers/acquisitions, etc.

Programs geared toward specific populations – medically fragile, developmental disabilities, LGBTQ+, immigrants, juvenile justice, sex trafficking victims, transition age youth, etc.

Workforce development – staff recruitment and retention, training, supervision, leadership development at all levels, burnout, ethics, etc.

Research/Evaluation – Translating research to practice, outcomes management, program evaluation, CQI/PQI, etc.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Each proposal will be reviewed by the FFTA Conference Committee with the following criteria in mind.

Selection Criteria:

- Alignment with topical areas
- Innovation and originality
- Level of audience (intro and beginner level presentations will not be accepted)
- Ability of presentation to be replicated and adapted. If the proposal is based on programs specific to the presenter's agency, the proposal (and intended presentation) **must** indicate how this information can be adapted to others.
- Relevance to target audience
- Training and professional experience

Expectations of Presenters:

- All handouts are the responsibility of the presenter and must be submitted to FFTA electronically by the specified deadline in the specified manner. Handouts will be made available electronically for participants.
- Using presentation time to sell or market products is prohibited.
- In cases where there is more than one presenter, a "primary presenter" must be designated. If selected, 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. Secondary presenters will receive a discounted registration.
- Presenters are responsible for providing their own laptop for presentations at the conference with either an HDMI or VGA input. Information on your input (VGA or HDMI) must be reported to FFTA by the specified deadline.
- By submitting a workshop proposal for consideration, each applicant is acknowledging that he/she has read and agrees to abide by the terms listed above.

Types of Workshop:

At this year's conference, FFTA seeks to offer 3 different types of workshops. When you submit your proposal, please indicate the workshop type.

1. Standard Session – A standard workshop that can be delivered in 1.5 or 3 hours. There are 90+ slots available for standard sessions.
2. Full Day Intensive Session – This session will total 6 learning hours, with a mid morning, lunchtime and afternoon break. This session will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2019 and there is 1 available slot.
3. Extended Intensive Session – This session will total 4.5 learning hours, with a lunchtime and afternoon break. This session will be scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2019 and there is 1 available slot.

Your proposal should be submitted in a word document with the following information:

1. **Contact Information:** 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. If accepted, this is the information that will appear in the brochure.
4. a) A detailed description of the presentation.
b) An outline of the session
c) List 3 Learning objectives
d) 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. Type of workshop (Standard, Full Day or Extended)
8. Length of presentation (select): • 1½ hours • 3 hours • 4½ hours • 6 hours
9. Indicate Presentation Track (no more than two tracks may be selected):
 - Directors, Managers and Supervisors
 - Research/Evaluation
 - Clinicians/Direct Service
 - Foster Parents/Foster Parent Trainers
 - Executive Leaders
10. Indicate Presentation Level for audience:
 - Intermediate (5-10 years of experience) • Advanced (11-20 years of experience) • Senior (21+ years of experience)

Proposal Submission:

E-mail 1 copy of proposal and resume(s) to akoscielny@ffta.org

For any questions call or email:

Alexandra Koscielny, Conference & Special Projects Coordinator, Akoscielny@ffta.org, (201) 343-2246

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, 2018 contact the FFTA office.

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About FFTA

FFTA's mission is to strengthen agencies that provide family focused treatment services. FFTA has been the leading advocate for treatment foster care for nearly 30 years and is now expanding its focus to engage agencies that provide a wider array of treatment family care services to kinship, bio and adoptive families. FFTA's membership of over 470 agencies provides treatment foster care services across North America to over 50,000 children and youth each year and a wider array of child welfare and mental health services to over 600,000 vulnerable children and youth. For more information, visit www.ffta.org