 ***CHampions for children & families***

**2019 PCSAO annual conference**

**CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) will hold its annual conference September 25-27, 2019, in Columbus. The theme of the conference is “Champions for Children and Families,” inspired by children services caseworkers and others who dedicate their careers to protecting children and strengthening families. The conference will focus on efforts to highlight collective knowledge and best practice in child protection that lead to improved outcomes and increased well-being for children, youth and families.

The conference draws more than 500 participants each year and is an outstanding opportunity for you to make a valuable contribution to the advancement of child protection practice in Ohio. We invite you to submit a proposal to present at the 2019 PCSAO Conference. Please note that attendance for each workshop can vary from 20-80 participants depending on registration demand. The workshops will be organized by the following tracks:

1. **Caseworker Track –** Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Client relationship and ethical boundaries for caseworkers
* Motivational interviewing techniques
* Building child welfare response to child trafficking – identifying, reporting and determining services to victims of trafficking
* Best practice for working with LGBTQ youth and families – a guide to case management for caseworkers
* Promoting normalcy for children and youth in foster care – how to put normalcy into practice
* Health and mental health care issues for children and youth in foster care
* Addressing secondary traumatic stress among caseworkers and providing strategies to reduce stress and burnout
* Strategies to develop skills in the practice of family engagement and family group decision making
* Best practice for working with parents who struggle with substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health
* Addressing the current opioid epidemic in child welfare and providing best practice for working with children and families of drug users
* Child sexual abuse – effective strategies for assessment, intervention and prevention
* Strategies for ensuring the safety and permanency of children in kinship care
* Strategic planning in recruiting and supporting foster and adoptive families
* Strategies for growing and sustaining parent engagement
* Practical tools for social worker safety and situational awareness
* Effective tools for working with potentially violent clients
* Time management in crisis mode for caseworkers
* Documenting SACWIS
* Human trafficking
* Modern-day drugs and education
* Client advocacy from the caseworker perspective

1. **Supervisor/Manager Track** – Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Ethics for supervision and management issues
* Critical thinking and effective decision-making skills
* Developing effective work teams; understanding culture and diversity issues in teams
* Conflict management strategies
* Strategies for managing high-profile and crisis situations
* Effective communication skills
* Promoting staff safety and well-being
* Time and stress management – burnout, secondary trauma, and post-traumatic stress syndrome
* Strategies to help middle managers succeed and increase performance
* Issues related to making the transition to supervisor
* How to manage a dynamic team (when retention is a challenge, how to manage a team that may be constantly evolving, training new staff and supporting veterans)
* Professional development of workers
* Supervising difficult employees (advanced content)
* Coaching in the field: giving feedback to new hires, observing and shadowing workers
* Balanced agency support for case workers and the families they support
* Supervising millennials

1. **Director/Administrator Track** – Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Understanding federal, state, and local funding sources for child protection
* CQI and improvement of child protection
* Child protection workforce development and succession planning
* Community engagement strategies for positive public relations
* Strategic planning for child protection agencies
* Emotional intelligence skills and child protection leadership
* Child protection legislation and legislative updates
* Roles of leaders and the impact of performance measurements in child protection

1. **Legal Track –** Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:
   * Legal ethics and professionalism in child protection cases
   * Legal issues related to normalcy for children and youth in foster care
   * Examining the legal rights of LGBTQ youth in the child protection system
   * Child protection case law updates – court decisions concerned with child protection
   * Confidentiality in court proceedings
   * How to improve child welfare/court collaboration
   * How to successfully prepare caseworkers for trials and testifying
   * Legal rights of children and youth in foster care and responsibilities of the child protection workers

**Important reminder**

The workshop committee will strive to select a variety of quality proposals based on content, evidence-based practice, relevance to child protection, and benefit to attendees. The conference is dedicated to the training and education of child protection professionals, and workshop proposals should be developed in this spirit. With the majority of our conference attendees being caseworkers, there will be a heavy emphasis by the committee in choosing workshops focused on that population. PCSAO values original work; submitted materials will be used only for review by the committee during the Call for Presenters selection process, and for no other purpose. Please complete the Workshop Outline Proposal and submit it by e-mail to [pcsao@pcsao.org](mailto:pcsao@pcsao.org).

**Required Information**

**Please complete ALL fields in the Workshop Outline Proposal.** Proposed presentations will be evaluated based on the content, evidence-based practice, relevance to child protection and benefit to attendees. Proposal submission topics cannot be changed after the review and selection process. Some key considerations as you prepare your proposal: include as much detail as possible about the presentation in your workshop outline, be clear about your agenda and describe attendee takeaways. The presentation hour can go quickly, so we strongly encourage you to get right to the practical information. Be dynamic!

* **Presenter Information**: Provide name, agency, telephone, E-mail address, birth month/day, and brief biography (75 words or less, written in third person as it should appear in the conference registration brochure) for each presenter and panelist.
* **Presenter’s Content Expertise:** Attach resume for each presenter and panelist.
* **Workshop Track:** Select a track for your proposal. This will help in identifying the intended audience.
* **Workshop Title**: The title must be brief, appealing and clearly indicate the nature of the workshop (20 words or less).
* **Workshop Description**: The description must be a short paragraph (150 words or less), as it should appear in the conference registration brochure, clearly and accurately describing the workshop.
* **Relevance to Child Protection**: Provide sufficient detail on how attendees will be able to apply what they learn in the workshop to their jobs and responsibilities.
* **Learning Objectives**: Clearly explain the outcomes and benefits that attendees can expect to gain from attending the workshop.
* **Workshop Agenda**: Provide clear details of the workshop content outline with time frames for each topic. Explain methods used to convey the content and promote learning and retention. The workshop agenda should fit exactly within the length of the workshop. For CEU purposes, the presenter must spend the amount of time on topics as indicated in the workshop agenda.
* **Reference List**: Provide a complete list of all materials used to develop the workshop. (Refrain from using copyright materials without proper permission.)
* **Length of Workshop**: There will be no break time for 2-hour workshops. There will be a 15-minute break for 3-hour workshops.

**Important Notes**

**AV Information -** Please note that presenters of all selected workshops are required to provide their own laptop and projector if they are planning to do a presentation with PowerPoint. Other AV equipment will be provided by PCSAO by request.

**Complimentary Registration** – Up to two presenters from each selected workshop will be eligible for a complimentary two-day conference registration.

**Submission Deadline –**Submit your proposal by e-mail to [pcsao@pcsao.org](mailto:pcsao@pcsao.org) **by May 1, 2019.**

**Confirmation** – You will receive confirmation of your submission via e-mail. Formal notification of acceptance will be e-mailed by May 31, 2019.

**Trainer resources** – The Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) has useful information and resources for trainers available online at <http://www.ocwtp.net/Trainer%20Resources.html>.

**Questions** – Please contact Nitina Francis, Conference Coordinator, at [pcsao@pcsao.org](mailto:pcsao@pcsao.org) or 614-224-5802.

**WORKSHOP OUTLINE PROPOSAL**

**All fields in the Workshop Outline Proposal must be completed.**

**If your proposal is accepted, we will forward this Workshop Outline Proposal for the training credit approval process.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Lead Presenter** | **Name**: **Agency**:  **Title**:  **Do you currently have an E-Track Account? Yes  No**  **Any Previous name used for E-Track**:  **Tel**: **E-mail**:  **Degree Type**:  **DOB (Month and Date Only)**:  Presenter’s bio: *(75 words or less, written in third person as it should appear in the conference program)*  Type here…. |
| **Presenter 2** | **Name**: **Agency**:  **Title**:  **Do you currently have an E-Track Account? Yes  No**  **Any Previous name used for E-Track**:  **Tel**: **E-mail**:  **Degree Type**:  **DOB (Month and Date Only)**:  Presenter’s bio: *(75 words or less, written in third person as it should appear in the conference program)* |
| **Presenter 3** | **Name**: **Agency**:  **Title**:  **Do you currently have an E-Track Account? Yes  No**  **Any Previous name used for E-Track**:  **Tel**: **E-mail**:  **Degree Type**:  **DOB (Month and Date Only)**:  Presenter’s bio: *(75 words or less, written in third person as it should appear in the conference program)* |
| **Presenter’s Content Expertise** | Please attach presenter’s resume.  Or type here…. |
| **Workshop Track** | Caseworker Track  Supervisor/Manager Track  Director/Administrator Track  Legal Track |
| **Workshop Title** | The title must be appealing, brief and clearly indicate the nature of the workshop.  Type here…. |
| **Workshop Description** | The description must be a short paragraph (150 words or less), clearly and accurately describing the workshop as it should appear in the conference registration brochure.  Type here…. |
| **Relevance to Child Protection** | You must provide sufficient details on how attendees will be able to apply what they learn in the workshop to their jobs and responsibilities.  Type here…. |
| **Learning Objectives** | You much clearly explain the outcomes and benefits that attendees can expect to gain from attending the workshop.  Type here…. |
| **Workshop Agenda** | **You must provide clear details of the workshop content outline with time frames for each topic**. Explain methods used to convey the content and promote learning and retention. The workshop agenda should fit exactly within the length of the workshop. **For CEU purposes, presenters are required to spend the amount of time on each topic as indicated in the workshop agenda. The presentation must be kept within the time schedule and cannot end early.**  Type here…. |
| **Reference List** | Provide a complete list of all materials used to develop the workshop. (Refrain from using copyright materials without proper permission.)  Type here…. |
| **Length of Workshop** | Select from the following options:  Two-hour workshop  Three-hour workshop |
| **Acceptance of Terms** | **“I understand that if I am selected to present, I will not be offered any financial compensation for my presentation but will receive a complimentary conference registration.”**  **“I understand that if I will present with PowerPoint, I must bring my own computer and projector.”**  **“I am not using copyrighted material, or if I am, I am doing so in accordance with the law, which includes obtaining permission from the copyright holder when required.”**  **Please sign your name.**  Type here…. |

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Licensure Hours:** | Click here to enter text. | **Certificate Type:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Workshop #:** | Click here to enter text. | **Survey Type:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Learning Number:** | Click here to enter text. | **License Number** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Reviewed by:** | Click here to enter text. | **Date** **Reviewed:** | Click here to enter text. |