



**ASSOCIATION OF
FAMILY AND
CONCILIATION COURTS**

**AFCC 57th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
NEW ORLEANS**

Parent-Child
Contact Problems? Abuse?

Gatekeeping?

Estrangement?

Alienation?

Resist-Refuse
Dynamics?



WHEN A CHILD REJECTS A PARENT:

**Are We Part of
the Problem
or the Solution?**

May 27–30, 2020 | Marriott New Orleans

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

For decades, family law professionals have struggled to help families address challenges that arise when a child rejects a parent, whether due to abuse, alienation, estrangement, or other observable or alleged behaviors. The problem? A deeply polarized professional community; the growth and entrenchment of advocacy groups; dilemmas for legal professionals who presume the involvement of two parents; a wide range of interventions; contradictory messages to families and professionals who are badly in need of guidance; and, most notably, children caught within these conflicts. Be part of the solution by joining AFCC in New Orleans as we strengthen our resolve to work collaboratively to better address the needs of children and families.

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions.

Proposals must be submitted using the online form. Go to www.afcnet.org and click on the AFCC 57th Annual Conference box from the home page. Proposals are due no later than **Wednesday, October 2, 2019**.

All proposals must describe any limitations of the proposed content, present contradictory evidence, and discuss both sides of controversial topics. AFCC strongly encourages including presenters representing diverse perspectives.

Proposed topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Resist-refuse dynamics
- The voice of the child
- Online dispute resolution
- International family justice innovations
- Self-represented litigants
- Innovative educational programs
- Intimate partner violence
- Working with alienated children
- Parenting coordination
- The impact of shared parenting
- Collaborative law
- Ethical issues in custody evaluation
- Social science research
- Diversity in family law
- Interventions for high conflict families
- Mediation in the 21st century
- Same-sex marriage, parenting, and divorce
- Technology and family law

*University faculty members are encouraged to involve students as co-presenters.

Please see instructions on the next page.

Proposal Instructions

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The following information is required:

1. The name and email address of the presenter who will coordinate your workshop.
2. A workshop title limited to 80 characters; please do not use ampersands to save space.
3. An abstract of 250 or fewer words describing your proposed workshop.
4. A program-ready description of your proposed workshop, written in third person (80-90 words), for the conference brochure. AFCC reserves the right to edit descriptions for consistency.
5. A description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community (250 or fewer words).
6. A description of the limitations of the proposed content, including contradictory perspectives and/or evidence.
7. For research proposals, include brief descriptions of your methodology, results, conclusions and applications for practice, policy implications, and future research (250 or fewer words).
8. Please tell us how this workshop will help bring diversity to the association (250 or fewer words).
9. Three recent citations (within the last 10 years) from the academic or professional literature that provide empirical support for your program. Please do not include newsletter or magazine articles, or links to websites. (Note: Your proposal may be considered without answering this question, but it will not be eligible for continuing education for psychologists.)
10. Three learning objectives addressed by your proposed workshop. Guidance on writing objectives is available at <https://www.apa.org/ed/sponsor/resources/objectives.pdf>
11. Name, address, telephone, and email address for all proposed presenters. Please limit academic degrees to two per presenter.
12. Name, telephone number, and email address of two professional references per workshop.
13. After submitting the information for your proposed workshop, please email CVs or resumes for all proposed presenters to nellickson@afccnet.org.

There is a maximum of four presenters per workshop (including moderators) and a maximum of two proposals per presenter.

The deadline for proposals is October 2, 2019. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. Proposals must be submitted via the online SurveyMonkey form. Fax, mail, and email submissions will not be accepted.

AFCC strives to accept proposals from as many presenters as possible while also limiting presentations to one per person. This is not always possible; however, presenters submitting multiple proposals with different co-presenters often results in the rejection of one of the proposals, and therefore, the co-presenters.

AFCC offers a reduced registration rate for conference presenters but is unable to reimburse for travel or related expenses.

Please verify the spelling and accuracy of the names and degrees of all proposed presenters. Presenter names will be listed in the printed conference program as they are submitted on the proposal form.

Please do not submit a proposal contingent upon receipt of future outside funding. **AFCC needs your firm commitment to participate in order to consider your proposal.**