Call for Proposals
AFCC 55th Annual Conference

WASHINGTON, DC
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Washington Hilton Hotel

Compassionate Family Court Systems:
The Role of Trauma-Informed Jurisprudence

Since the establishment of conciliation courts in the late 1930s, family court systems have attempted to simultaneously balance upholding the rule of law and exercising compassion. More recently, many courts are encouraging a trauma-informed approach. Can an understanding of trauma be integrated into court culture - and should it be? How does a trauma-informed approach impact dispute resolution, investigation, decision making, and other core functions of family court professionals? AFCC’s 55th Annual Conference will explore these and other challenging topics.

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshops. Proposals must be submitted using the online form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/AFCCWashingtonProposalForm and are due no later than Monday, October 2, 2017.

Proposed topics may include those listed, but any topic related to AFCC’s mission will be seriously considered:

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

AFCC is accepting proposals for ninety-minute workshop sessions. To submit a workshop proposal, include the following information: (1) an abstract of 250 words or fewer describing your proposed workshop; (2) a workshop title (limited to 80 characters) and a “program ready” description of your proposed workshop (80 words or fewer) for the conference brochure. AFCC reserves the right to edit descriptions for consistency; (3) a description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community (250 words or fewer); (4) for research proposals, include brief descriptions of your methodology, results, conclusions and applications for practice, policy implications and future research (250 words or fewer); (5) three learning objectives that will be addressed by your proposed workshop; (6) complete contact information for all proposed presenters; (7) the name of the presenter who will coordinate your workshop; (8) contact information for two professional references; and (9) resumes for all proposed presenters (emailed to nellickson@afccnet.org). If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your proposal within one week of submission, contact AFCC by telephone at 608-664-3750.

There is a maximum of four presenters per workshop and two proposals per presenter. Please note that the deadline for proposals is October 2, 2017. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers reduced registration rates for conference presenters, but is not able to reimburse for travel and related expenses. All proposals must be submitted via the online form, accessible at www.afccnet.org. Please direct any questions to Nicole Ellickson at 608-664-3750 or nellickson@afccnet.org.

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, please be aware that a presenter submitting multiple proposals with different co-presenters often results in the rejection of one of the proposals, and therefore the co-presenters.