ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS

Call for Proposals

AFCC 13th Symposium on Child Custody
Guidelines and Standards and Rules, Oh My!

Denver, Colorado
November 8-10, 2018
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denver Downtown Hotel

The AFCC 13th Symposium on Child Custody will offer a range of pre-conference institutes, workshops, and plenary sessions addressing practice skills, professional issues, standards and guidelines, and theoretical applications. The Symposium is designed for custody evaluators, judges, lawyers, mediators, parenting coordinators, and any professional who works with separating and divorcing families.

All proposals must be submitted by May 7, 2018 using the online form available at www.afccnet.org.

Proposed topics may include, but are not limited to:

- How much weight should judges give to a custody evaluation?
- Risk-benefit ratio for brief focused evaluations
- Addressing and assessing intimate partner violence
- Relocation
- Testifying/Cross-examination
- What to do when both parents are barely good enough?
- Parenting plans
- Grandparents and stepparents’ involvement
- Professional risk management
- Sexual abuse allegations and custody evaluations
- Parenting plans for siblings at different developmental stages
- Interviewing children
- Writing evaluation reports
- Effective use of collateral sources
- Resistance/refusal
- Child development for legal professionals

AFCC is accepting proposals for ninety-minute workshop sessions. To submit a workshop proposal, please include the following information: (1) an abstract of 250 words or less describing your proposed workshop; (2) a workshop title (limited to 80 characters in length) and an 80-word or less “program ready” abstract for the conference brochure. AFCC reserves the right to edit descriptions for consistency; (3) a 250-word or less description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community; (4) for research proposals, include brief descriptions of your methodology, results, conclusions and applications for practice, policy implications and future research (250 words or less); (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 person who will be coordinating your workshop; (8) contact information for two professional references; and (9) resumes for all proposed presenters.

Maximum of four presenters per workshop. Please note that the deadline for proposals is May 7. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers a reduced registration rate for conference presenters but is unable 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 regarding proposals to Nicole Ellickson at 608-664-3750 or nellickson@afccnet.org.