

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

“Making Connections”:

The 2014 NCCD Conference on Children, Youth, and Families

May 14–16, 2014

Town & Country Resort and Conference Center, San Diego, California

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Deadline for Responses: April 30, 2013

Purpose: The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), a nonprofit social science research agency, is seeking dynamic speakers who can share knowledge, experience, and best practices related to child welfare, juvenile justice, education, and other public systems involving children. NCCD promotes just and equitable social systems for individuals, families, and communities through research, public policy, and practice.

1. **Event Profile:** As an evolution of the Structured Decision Making® (SDM) Conference, the NCCD Conference on Children, Youth, and Families is a platform for professionals working in youth-serving social service agencies to share experiences of creating programs and conducting research that advance NCCD’s mission of promoting just and equitable social systems.

The 2014 conference theme is “Making Connections.” This conference will focus on the different systems that serve children, youth, and families, and how these systems can be and have been connected to create better outcomes. Conference sessions will encourage conversations among different system partners to learn more about programs that have already been shown to work and promising new approaches.

The conference will focus on the use of best practices and promising practices, innovative research to develop and improve programs, and applied implementation science to effectively and sustainably introduce change.

The 2014 conference will take place May 14–16, 2014, at the Town and Country Resort and Conference Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA.

2. **Who should submit?** Submission is open to anyone interested in sharing their knowledge and experiences within the child welfare, juvenile justice, and education fields. Sessions that are led by or that include participation by children, youth, and/or families are particularly encouraged. Sub-categories include, but are not limited to, innovative programs working within and across the following systems:

Child Welfare

- SDM® systems
- SafeMeasures®
- Safety-organized practice
- Continuous quality improvement
- Working with LGBTQ youth in foster care and child welfare systems
- Identifying and addressing disproportionality in child welfare
- Strategies to engage families to prevent recurrence of child abuse/neglect

Juvenile Justice

- JAIS®
- Working with girls and gender issues in juvenile justice systems
- Identifying and addressing disproportionality in juvenile justice
- Preventing youth recidivism
- Restorative justice
- Programs for gang-involved youth

Education

- Measuring the impact of charter schools on educational outcomes
- Managing by data in educational settings
- Research and programs addressing educational challenges for foster care and juvenile justice-involved children and youth

Mental Health

- Integrating trauma-informed care
- Partnerships with youth-serving systems

Other

- Working with multi-system-involved children and families, e.g., cross-over youth
- Improving outcomes for children involved in the welfare system
- Grassroots and community-driven efforts and programs to improve connections among systems

Sessions that focus on one of the systems above should set aside time in the session to discuss implications for other youth-serving fields.

3. **Session Formats:** Multiple formats are available: presentations, panels, field sessions, and poster sessions. Detailed information for each type of session is below.

- **Presentations**

Presentations will last 75 minutes, including 10 minutes for questions.

The majority of conference sessions will fall into this category. Presentations should focus on a well-developed topic. Examples include long-term project or partnership overviews, implementation presentations, and training sessions. Some presenters may be asked to present multiple times.

- Extended Presentations**
Extended presentations will last 150 minutes. A 15-minute break will take place during the session. NCCD will provide certificates of participation for all attendees of extended presentations.
 Extended presentations should be reserved for unique educational or training opportunities, including advanced system or tool trainings. Presenters should provide well-defined training outcomes and also strongly consider the use of small group discussions within the session.
- Facilitated Dialogue/Panel – Group Submission**
Facilitated dialogue/panel sessions will last 90 minutes.
 The facilitated dialogue/panel session allows a moderator to present an idea or pose a problem related to multi-system-involved families and then facilitate a conversation with panelists and/or the audience about solutions and potential replication.
- Partnered Panels – Individual Submission**
Partnered panels will last 90 minutes.
 Each panelist will have 15 minutes of speaking time and will be partnered by NCCD with two other panelists addressing the same problem or thematically similar issues. Panelists will be notified of their partners when acceptance notifications are sent. NCCD encourages the panelists to work together to craft a discussion of their different perspectives on the theme.

Examples of individual submissions include, but are not limited to, emerging research and promising practices. Each presentation should have a brief introduction and conclusion.
- Field Sessions**
Field sessions will be approximately 150 minutes in length, including transportation to and from the session site. Field sessions will take place on Thursday afternoon of the conference.
 Field sessions offer an opportunity for conference participants to visit local organizations serving children, youth, and families to see successful, evidence-based programs or multi-system collaboration in action.
- Poster Sessions**
Poster sessions may include both traditional poster presentations of emerging research and promising practices and video presentations of no more than 15 minutes. This includes “TEDTalks”-style presentations. For more information on TEDTalks presentations, see <http://www.youtube.com/user/TEDtalksDirector?feature=watch>.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

NCCD seeks to fulfill the educational needs of our diverse audience by creating a balanced, comprehensive program that reflects a multitude of perspectives. We will select sessions based on their contribution to the following criteria:

1. Overall quality of the proposal
2. Focused and well-defined topic
3. Timeliness of topic
4. Relevance to the advancement of NCCD's mission
5. Practical application of materials presented
6. New or innovative programs that are emerging "promising practices"

Preference will be given to sessions that include cross-system partners or youth/family participation.

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed and rated by the planning committee. We anticipate a decision date of May 31, 2013.

SUBMITTING RESPONSES

Please use the following form to submit responses. If additional pages are required, please attach them. Responses may be sent via mail or email.

If submitting by mail, please send to this address:

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If submitting by email, please email to Angela Noel:
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If you have additional questions, please contact Angela Noel at anoel@nccdglobal.org or (800) 306-6223.

SESSION PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM
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Lead Presenter’s Information

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Title: _____ Address: _____
Degree(s): _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Biography (150 words maximum): _____

Co-Presenter Information (attach additional pages if needed)

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Title: _____ Address: _____
Degree(s): _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Biography (150 words maximum): _____

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Title: _____ Address: _____
Degree(s): _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Biography (150 words maximum): _____

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Title: _____ Address: _____
Degree(s): _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Biography (150 words maximum): _____

Have you presented at an SDM conference in the past? No Yes If yes, when? _____

Presentation Preferences

Preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Preference of Presentation Day: Wednesday Thursday Friday

Preference of Presentation Time: Morning (Thursday and Friday options)
 Afternoon (Wednesday and Thursday options)

Preference of Session Length: Presentation session
 Facilitated dialogue/panel
 Partnered panel session
 Extended session
 In-the-field session
 Poster session

Equipment Needs

To the extent possible, NCCD will provide presenters with equipment they need to maximize their presentations. To assist in planning, please indicate needed equipment below. Laptops and projectors will be provided for presenter use.

Flipchart and markers Internet access VCR/DVD Other: _____

Conference Materials Website

*Attendees will have access to a conference materials website containing copies of session material for a limited timeframe prior to and following the conference. NCCD will not produce copies of materials for presenters. **Materials for the website must be received by March 31, 2014.***

Will you have materials for the website? Yes No
May NCCD make materials available to all conference participants via the website? Yes No
Are you willing to write a guest blog on your presentation for the NCCD website? Yes No

Presentation Details

Title of Presentation: _____

Presentation Description (150 words maximum):

Presentation Outline (attach additional pages if needed):

Goals/Learning Objectives:

Exhibit Space Is Available

In addition to presentations, exhibit space is available to educational institutions, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations. If interested in exhibit space, check the box below.

- Yes, I/we are interested in exhibiting at the conference or advertising in the conference program. Please send me additional information.