

Oregon Parenting Educators' Conference

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Call for Workshop Proposals

We are seeking presenters for a wide range of topics for the conference. Participants will be interested in workshops focusing on research, organizational, and programmatic topics that support effective parenting education. Topic areas are listed below. **Workshops** will be approximately **1 hour** in length. Proposals will be accepted until **5 PM (PST) March 3, 2014**. Please share this information with others who might be interested in presenting at the conference.

One presenter per workshop will be provided a complimentary registration for the conference.

Conference Goal

The goal for this conference is to bring together professionals who work with families for educational and networking opportunities. Information and current research will be shared that can be used to improve services to families.

Who will be attending?

Parenting educators, organization and agency administrators, social service providers, educators, and others with an interest in working with families.

Workshop topics are invited for

1. Providing the latest research information on topics impacting parenting education programs and the families they serve
 - Temperament
 - Brain development
 - Resiliency in families
 - Health, fitness, and nutrition in families
 - Early literacy
 - Self-regulation
 - Impact of media and high tech world on children
 - Bonding and attachment
 - School readiness

2. Setting parenting programs up for success
 - Recruiting and retaining parents in programs
 - Creative ways to find funding for parenting groups
 - Solving parenting group logistical problems
 - Building community collaborations
 - Changing community norms about parenting education

3. Working effectively with families with diverse backgrounds and needs
 - Engaging fathers
 - Perinatal mood disorders
 - Teen parents
 - Cultural or ethnic minority parents
 - Parents in recovery
 - Parents with mental illness
 - Incarcerated parents
 - Grandparents raising children
 - Child welfare parents
 - Parents of children with special needs

4. Strategies to meet the challenges to effective parenting education
 - Ethical and professional issues such as boundaries, confidentiality, and reporting
 - Responding effectively to parent questions across ages and in tough situations
 - Honing group process skills

5. Components which can enhance a parenting program
 - Circle time for parents and children
 - Signing with children
 - Infant massage
 - Tools for screening families for referrals

Schedule for Proposals

Proposal submission open	Feb. 11
Deadline for submission	Mar. 3 (5 PM PST)
Acceptance notification	Mar. 17
Presentation handouts submitted	May 8

Submit your Proposal

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/parentingedconfproposal2014 to submit your proposal. A pdf of the proposal form was attached to this email message in order to become familiar with the information needed for the proposal.

Questions?

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