

Invitation to Submit Conference Presentation Proposal

Mental Health in the Early Years Social Emotional Wellness from the Start Conference 2018

October 19-21, 2018 Mount Saint Vincent University Rosaria Centre

Request for Proposals

The Nova Scotia Child Care Association, and our sponsors, are pleased to host our sixth annual Mental Health in the Early Years: Social Emotional Wellness from the Start Conference. This conference aims to provide practical knowledge and reflection through a variety of professional development opportunities aimed to support those who work with our most vulnerable population and their families, children aged 0-6. Sessions are diverse in content and developed to enhance our daily interactions with young children, while stimulating the mind and recognizing the important work we do each day. This conference is intended to strengthen ties, and expand collaborations between professionals who work with children in the early years of life, particularly those who require additional support

The Conference Program Development Committee invites you to be a part of this exciting opportunity. Enclosed you will find our Conference Presentation Proposal.

The goals of the conference are to provide a wide range of material to enhance and broaden the provincial dialogue on the importance of recognizing the need for mental health services for families and children from birth to six; To provide the opportunity for all professionals working with families and children from birth to six to receive new and innovative research and information to assist them in their daily practice; To bring together colleagues from Atlantic Canada and beyond for networking, and collaboration.

We are accepting proposals for discussions that relate to one or more of the following areas Building Relationships, Social Emotional Learning; Inclusion, Culturally and Developmentally Responsive Programming, Brain Development, Policy and Advocacy.

Target Audience

- Education Professionals- Early Childhood Educators, Early Learning Opportunity Educators, Pre- Primary ECEs, Elementary School Teachers, School Administrators, Child Care Centre Administrators, Directors, Professors
- Early Interventionists, Resource Teachers, Inclusion Coordinators, and Classroom Support Staff

- Family Resource Coordinators; Early Childhood Resource Coordinators; Family Home Providers, Caregivers and Parents
- Pediatric Professionals and Clinicians in Health Care; Social and Community Care Workers
- Policy Administrators

Topic Areas

Building Relationships

- Attachment
- Nurturing environments that promote security and belonging
- Supporting secure relationships among caregiver child relationships
- Building healthy relationships among families, programs and communities
- Parent/caregiver support
- Child protection/child welfare

Inclusive, Culturally and Developmentally Responsive Programming

- To provide opportunities for learning that support and value culturally and developmentally responsive programs
- Early intervention
- Cross cultural perspectives

Social Emotional Learning

- Promoting empathy
- Regulation (Self/Social/Emotional)
- Executive functioning skills
- Play based programming to positively support healthy child development
- Building resiliency
- Temperament

Brain Development

- Trauma
- Stress Response system
- Environmental impacts
- Science of brain development
- Impact of activity and nutrition on brain development
- Pre/post natal care

Policy and Advocacy

- Cross disciplinary collaboration
- Developing policies and procedures to support wellness from birth
- Observation, screening, and research
- Using frameworks promoting social emotional wellbeing to develop policy

Remuneration

On the presentation proposal form, please indicate one of the remuneration options:

- Donating your time
- Complimentary advertising within the conference program package
- Attending the remainder of the conference
- Professional fee/honorarium

Presentation Materials

- NSCCA will copy all handouts (4 pages double sided maximum). Handouts must be received by September 28, 2018.
- Gathering and purchasing of materials required for presentation are the responsibility of the presenter.
- AV will be provided by NSCCA, so long as AV requirements are provided no later than September 28, 2018.
- NSCCA is not responsible for presenter expenses including accommodations, meals, travel, or materials unless prior arrangements with the Conference Committee and NSCCA Board of Directors have been approved.

Submitting your Presentation Proposal

Attached you will find the October 19-21, 2018 Mental Health in the Early Years: Social Emotional Wellness from the Start Conference Presentation Proposal Form. Please review and fill out the form as accurately and as detailed as possible to ensure you have provided all the information we will require. Please submit a demonstration of your credentials, listing other training workshops/presentations/lectures you have delivered, and the audiences you presented to. Once the call for proposals is closed, we will be able to determine a clear schedule based on the number of presenters interested in participating.

Process

Once Presentation Proposals are received, the 2018 Program Development Committee will review all applicants. If your proposal is accepted, you will receive written notification via email by April 30, 2018. If we are unable to use your proposal, you will receive a letter of regret.

Once proposals are selected we will organize them into our program line up. Once the schedule is developed, we are unable to accommodate changes to times.

If you have any further questions, please contact, Executive Director at (902)423-8199 or exd@nschildcareassociation.org. **PLEASE RETURN THE PROPOSAL FORM AND RESUME BY April 6, 2018**. Contact information listed on Proposal Form.

October 19-21, 2018 Conference Presentation Proposal Form

Please send your proposal to:
Nova Scotia Child Care Association
3845 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax, NS B3L 4H9 or
By Email: exd@nschildcareassociation.org

Presenter(s) and Main Contact: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____ Workplace: _____

Professional
Title(s): _____

Session Title: _____

Session Description (200 words max)

(You may provide this on a separate page if preferred)

Presenter Bio (150 words max- as it will appear in Conference Program)

Type of Presentation

Clinical Practical/Hands On Research

AV Requirements

Flip Chart LCD Projector Screen Laptop Speakers/Microphone

My presentation is for adults who work in (check all that apply)

Medical Profession Early Childhood Education Early Intervention

Judicial Profession Child Welfare Education Policy Development

The Focus of my presentation is (check all that apply)

Building Relationships Policy/Advocacy Social Emotional Learning

Inclusion Culturally/ Developmentally Responsive Programming

Brain Development

Remuneration (please check one)

- I am willing to donate my time
- I plan to attend the rest of the Conference
- Complimentary advertising in the conference package
- I require an honorarium or fee in the amount of _____