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Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families seeking presentation proposals for 2018 conference

DENVER – The Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families (CCCYF) Planning Committee is accepting proposals for plenary and breakout session presentations for the annual Convening on Children, Youth and Families scheduled for April 22-25, 2018 in Vail.

The conference is held annually with the goal of bringing together Best Practice Court Teams (BPCT), Family Treatment Drug Courts Teams (FTDC) and Juvenile Problem Solving Court Teams (JPSC) to promote collaborative, team-based approaches to dependency and neglect and delinquency cases in Colorado. Membership of these teams includes judicial officers, child welfare representatives, guardians ad litem, respondent parents' counsel, county attorneys, family court facilitators, court-appointed special advocates (CASA), court clerks, education representatives, service providers, foster parents, faith-based organizations, and other stakeholders who are involved in the child welfare system.

At the 2018 Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families, BPCT, FTDC, and JPSC teams will participate in multi-disciplinary child welfare training, share best practices among teams, participate in statewide discussions of permanency, safety and well-being, learn more about continuous quality improvement, and work together as individual teams to update old goals and set new goals.

The Colorado Judicial Court Improvement Program, the Colorado Judicial Department Problem Solving Courts Unit, and the Colorado Department of Human Services welcome presentation proposals on any dependency and neglect, family treatment drug court, and juvenile drug court related topics. Priority will be given to the following topics:

- Trauma-informed practices
- Permanency, safety and well-being
- Permanent home
- Dependency and neglect system reform
- Leadership
- Systems change
- Crossover youth
- Treatment/services
- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Human trafficking
- Family treatment drug courts
- Juvenile delinquency
- Juvenile drug courts
- Data/continuous quality improvement (CQI) and predictive analytics
- Disproportionality (over-representation/under-representation)
- Local initiatives
- Education
- Intersections between mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders
- Inclusivity, equity, resilience, and cultural competency
- Implementation science

Authors of submitted proposals may be invited to present at the 2018 Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families. Presenters will be asked to prepare a 75-minute presentation, which will be presented at two different sessions on one day of the three-day Convening. Please limit panelists and co-presenters to three per presentation.

Deadline for Proposals: By October 12, 2017, proposals must be submitted through the survey web link below with the following information: Name of presenter(s), primary contact phone number and email, proposed title of session, area of focus, target audience, session description including outlines of learning objectives and learning strategies, and amount of any required honorarium. Each proposal must include a CV or biography for each presenter.

Acceptance of Proposals: By October 20, 2017, a decision on all proposals will be made and selected presentations will be named.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be submitted through
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62NGHTQ>.

Questions may be sent via e-mail to
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