



Evergreen
Youth & Family Services
Strengthening Youth. Preserving Families.

14th Annual
**Strengthening Youth &
Families Conference**

May 2nd & 3rd, 2019 BEMIDJI, MN

Call for Presentations: **Creating Hope & Healing for Youth & Families**

ALL PRESENTER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY December 15, 2018

EVENT INFORMATION

Conference Location: The Sanford Center,
1111 Event Center Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601

Dates:

Thursday, May 2 & Friday, May 3, 2019

CONFERENCE CONTACTS

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PURPOSE

This training event offers youth serving professionals as well as parents and caregivers, opportunities to:

- Learn about the Opioids and Trauma Informed Care.
- **Acquire knowledge and exposure to best practices that will improve outcomes for children, youth, and families** in high risk situations (living in poverty, experiencing abuse or neglect, in foster care, or confronting mental health issues and/or alcohol and drug use...and related challenges).

- Improve understanding of different perspectives and cultural practices and values, and bring together diverse participants to network with and learn from each other.

We welcome proposals from professionals and non-professionals, please share this with your colleagues.

AUDIENCE

Parents and caregivers, youth workers and nonprofit organization staff, tribal staff, teachers and paraprofessionals, mental health professionals and therapists, nurses, county child protection and human services staff, social workers, Rule 25 assessors, probation officers, and others working with children, youth, young adults, and families. The conference is also appropriate for: personal caregivers, foster parents and adult foster care providers, ATOD prevention and treatment professionals, public health professionals, health educators, and other concerned community members and leaders.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

Evergreen's annual conference brings together youth-serving professionals and parents to share information, network, and build skills. In 2019, our focus is **Creating Hope & Healing for Youth & Families** with emphasis on promoting positive behaviors, parent and family support strategies, reproductive health for teens, cultural competency, LGBT youth issues, fetal alcohol exposure, mental health challenges, alcohol and drug use, and more. Presenter slots are limited. We seek presenters who will **discuss real-world solutions** being implemented with families and communities in our local area and statewide. We want presenters who are passionate about their topics and willingly share their personal stories and experience, along with their professional expertise.

PRESENTATION AREAS OF INTEREST: (we welcome alternate topics)

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| Child & Adolescent Issues | Difficult, Defiant, or High-risk Youth |
| Positive Behavior Management & De-escalation Skills | Placement, Transition, or Permanency for Foster Care and Other Youth in Placement |
| Ethics | Independent Living Skills |
| Bullying, Stigma, & Teasing | Juvenile Justice or Restorative Justice |
| Self Injury/Cutting | Early Childhood Mental Health Diagnoses and Intervention |
| Suicide Prevention and Awareness | Culturally Appropriate Services & Culturally Specific Perspectives |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth | Adolescent Sexual Health |
| Social and Emotional Learning Skills | Dual Diagnoses/ Co-occurring Disorders |
| Trauma, Abuse, Crisis, & Prevention | Specific Disorders in Children (OCD, FASD, ASD, RAD, PTSD, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder) |
| Dealing with Grief, Crisis, Trauma, or Disaster | |
| Sex Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation | |
| Physical, Sexual, and/or Emotional Abuse | |

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUS)

We are applying for CEUs from the following:

- Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy – LPCs, LPCCs, & LADC
- Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy – LMFTs
- Minnesota Board of Social Work – Social Workers have always been able to use our CEUs so we do not make a separate application to the Board of Social Work.
- The Minnesota Board of Nursing does not pre-approve CEUs, and our past RN participants inform us that Evergreen Conference CEUs have been accepted.

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| Transitioning from Children's | Adoptive Parenting |
| Mental Health to Adult Mental Health Systems | Attachment Issues |
| Family & Caregiver Support | Mental Health in the Schools |
| Parenting Skills & Supports | Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) for Youth |
| Working with Families | Support for Parents in Advocating for Youth with IEPs |
| Supports & Strategies for Parenting Children with Mental Health Challenges | Functional Behavioral Assessment |
| Serving Homeless Students and Families | Classroom Strategies and Interventions |
| Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder | Compassion Fatigue among Professionals/ Self-Care |
| Navigating the Mental Health System | Brain Development and Neurobiological Research |
| Advocating for Children/Youth | Research and Evidence-based Practices |
| Caregiver Burnout/Self-care | Effective Alternative Treatment Options and Supports |

Presentation Application Requirements

ONLINE APPLICATION FORM



Please go to www.evergreenyfs.org and click on the Events & Trainings button. Scroll down to the **Annual Conference Call for Presentations** and click on the link to submit a Survey Monkey application. All submissions will be automatically sent to Kari Bloomquist at kbloomquist@evergreenyfs.org.

The Survey Monkey will ask you for the following information:

- 1. All presenters' contact information, work and educational background, any credentials, and any titles.** We're not concerned if you don't have alphabet soup after your name...we simply want to know that you're a subject area expert due to education/training, work, or other life experience. Please list all presenters.
- 2. Presenter or Speaker Biographical Sketch**
A 2–3 paragraph biography for each presenter. Tell us about your experience presenting and if you've ever presented formally to a group before. We will have breakout sessions for up to 150 people.
- 3. Presentation Description**
A short description of your presentation (1-2 paragraphs) that includes all of the following (needed to apply for CEUs):
 - Three (3) learning objectives
 - Description of any key points that will be covered
 - Presentation format (i.e. lecture, personal story, panel, interactive presentation)
 - Target audience (if more specific than for a "parent" or "professional")Presentation title, knowledge level, and target audience (Note: Most presentations are 1.5 hours; you may negotiate for a presentation that covers two breakout sessions).
- 4. Confirmation of your availability on May 2nd or 3rd, 2019 with specific times available.**
- 5. Compensation:** Speakers who live within 45 miles may request: one free conference registration per presenter, up to \$150 per presentation and a complimentary vendor/display table. Speakers living within the state of Minnesota and border cities may request: one free conference registration per presenter, a complimentary vendor/display table, up to \$150 per presentation, mileage and hotel (one to two nights depending on presentation time). Keynotes: negotiated in advance with Dan McKeon or Kari Bloomquist. Please negotiate all of these at the time of application or acceptance so we can budget appropriately (this includes the number of presenters and the number of hotel rooms).
- 6. Equipment/Technology:** Evergreen will provide PC laptops, flip charts & markers. Sanford will provide microphones, power point projectors and sound.
- 7. Items to be emailed to kbloomquist@evergreenyfs.org:** A resume or CV and biographical information on the speaker if not typed into Survey Monkey.

DEADLINE: Please submit the Survey Monkey application form and a resume/CV by December 15, 2018.

