



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
Joint Council Annual Conference
Monday, April 11, 2011- Wednesday April 13, 2011

Joint Council on International Children's Services is pleased to announce its Medical Institute and Annual Conference to be held at the **The Conference Center located at 130 East 59th Street New York, New York on April 11-13, 2011. The theme for this year's Annual Conference is; Passion & Practice: Strengthening Evidence-Based Approaches in Children's Services.**

For many years, the Medical Institute and Annual Conference has created an educational environment for attendees to learn medical and social developments affecting internationally adopted children and the practitioners who serve them.

As Joint Council strengthens our focus on global permanency for children, we will include within the conference workshops on all viable permanency solutions, including international adoption. This shift reiterates our ongoing mission to find all children safe, loving and **permanent** homes by acknowledging the current global climate, current events and concerns, as well as the multiple advocates who seek to end the orphan crisis.

Professionals involved in the fields of child welfare and nonprofit management are invited to submit proposals to present at the Annual Conference. As always, Joint Council is interested in proposals that empower adoption practitioners and agency directors, particularly in-depth discussions on post-adoption services. We also welcome sessions that help us provide a comprehensive view of child welfare by addressing foster care, kinship care, family preservation, reunification and related topics. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address emerging issues affecting practitioners, including adoption disruption; the effects of adoption, particularly transracial adoption, on identity; and use of resources for children with special needs (such as individualized education plans), and post placement adoption resources.

Special consideration will be given to proposals that follow the Conference theme of evidence-based research. Joint Council defines evidence based approaches not only as scientific research and statistical support, but also includes past experience and observations.

WORKSHOPS: Eleven (11) workshops will be scheduled throughout the Annual Conference and will be conducted over the three day conference. Workshops will typically be 75 minutes in duration. This time will include time for questions and answers.

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

Management/Business Issues; Diversifying Agency Income Streams; Mergers/Agency Partnerships; Fundraising and Development; Public Relations; Post-Adoption Services and Training; Foster Care; Family Preservation; Kinship Care; Family Reunification; Analysis of Global Child Welfare; Legal Topics; Inter-Agency Best Practices; Behavioral Therapeutic Approaches; Humanitarian Aid; Search and Reunion; Adoption Disruption; the Effects of Transracial Adoption; Identity Issues Affecting Adoptees

REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for inclusion in the conference, each person submitting a proposal should complete the form on the following page with attached details and submit to Joint Council. **All proposals must be emailed by September 17, 2010.**

EXPENSES: All conference presenters are expected to pay the conference registration fee (if attending workshops), as well as expenses related to travel, hotel, and non-conference meals.

PRESENTATION HANDOUTS: It is expected that presenters will submit electronic copies of their handouts before **March 4, 2011**, in order for Joint Council to post them on the Conference website.

This is a firm deadline and presenter participation will support Joint Council's efforts to "Go Green" by reducing the number of printed handouts. Speakers who miss this deadline assume responsibility to bring enough copies of their handouts onsite.

Presentation topics will be decided and presenters notified on or before October 22, 2010. Speakers are considered confirmed after submitting a signed contract provided by the Joint Council office.

Proposals should be sent electronically in Word format to: conference@jointcouncil.org



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TITLE OF PRESENTATION:

TOPIC IS GEARED TOWARD ADVANCED OR BASIC LEVEL? (List one.)

PRESENTER(S):

Main Presenter Name (including honorary titles):

Organization:

Complete Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Additional Presenter Name (including honorary titles):

Organization:

Complete Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION: Please provide a brief one (no longer than 50 words) summary in the space below; this description will help Joint Council shape conference publications.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION: Potential presenters are also required to attach a more detailed summary of their presentation to this form (2 page maximum).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: A minimum of three learning objectives are required. Please review attached directions for the correct format for learning objectives. Learning objective not submitted in the proper format will be returned to the applicant for re-submission.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY FOR EACH PRESENTER: Please provide a brief, one paragraph biography for each presenter in the space below; this description will be used in Joint Council conference publications.

DETAILED RESUME FOR EACH PRESENTER: Potential presenters are also required to attach a full resume or CV to the application.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: AV equipment available to presenters is listed below. Please keep in mind that this equipment is very expensive to rent, therefore please only request what you need. Presentations formatted for MAC computers can not be accommodated. Please be prepared to use PCs only. Any additional equipment requested after February 15, 2010 will be accommodated, if possible, at the expense of the presenter.

Flip Chart

Overhead Projector

VHS Video Player & TV Monitor

DVD Video Player & TV Monitor

CD Player

Sound for Power Point presentations

LCD Projector & PC Computer

Other (i.e. cassette player) _____

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES: (please refer to next page for further instructions)

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY FOR EACH PRESENTER: (one paragraph)

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Writing Behavioral Learning Objectives

- Learning objectives, or learning outcomes, are statements that clearly describe what the learner will know or be able to do, as a result of having attended an educational program or activity.
- Learning objectives must be *observable and measurable*.
- Learning objectives should (1) focus on the learner, and (2) contain action verbs that describe measurable behaviors
- Verbs to consider using when writing learning objectives:
 - ✓ list, describe, recite, write
 - ✓ compute, discuss, explain, predict
 - ✓ apply, demonstrate, prepare, use
 - ✓ analyze, design, select, utilize
 - ✓ compile, create, plan, revise
 - ✓ assess, compare, rate, critique
- Verbs to avoid when writing learning objectives
 - know, understand
 - learn, appreciate
 - become aware of, become familiar with
- Example of well-written learning objectives:

This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Summarize basic hypnosis theory and technique;
2. Observe demonstrations of hypnotic technique and phenomena;
3. Recognize differences between acute and chronic pain;
4. Utilize hypnosis in controlling acute pain;
5. Apply post-hypnotic suggestions to chronic pain; and
6. Practice hypnotic technique in dyads.