CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

2016 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference
The Balancing Act of Home Visiting

Session Submission Deadline: May 15, 2016 - 5:00PM Arizona Time

Submissions accepted on-line only

The Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Coalition invites you to share your expertise and submit a workshop proposal for the 5th Annual Home Visiting Conference. The 2016 Conference, “The Balancing Act of Home Visiting,” will be at the Glendale Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center, September 20-21, 2016. The Strong Families AZ Coalition brings together home visitors from across Arizona every year to learn, share ideas and re-energize around the important work of supporting families in our state.

The 2016 Conference will feature two days of 90-minute concurrent sessions as well as keynote speakers. Session proposals will be reviewed to ensure that:

- They are evidence-based
- They are consistent with a family-centered, strengths-based approach
- They are culturally responsive
- They incorporate adult learning theory and the experiential learning cycle.

Our goal is for home visitors and supervisors to leave the workshops with tools and concepts that can be applied to their work with families and improve their overall practice.

Selected sessions will focus on the key outcomes of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant that supports the conference and the Strong Families AZ Coalition.
**Topic Areas of Interest:**

1. **Improved Maternal and Newborn Health.**

   Possible topics:
   - Preconception and prenatal care
   - Parental use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs
   - Reproductive health and family planning
   - Breastfeeding
   - Well-child visits
   - Nutrition
   - Adolescent brain development and decision making
   - Families with children with disabilities or health conditions
   - Neuroscience, epigenetics
   - Substance-exposed newborns
   - What to expect in the NICU
   - Helping families with a fetal demise
   - Addressing trauma in young children
   - Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders
   - Children with special health care needs
   - Children with disabilities or delays
   - Behavioral health
   - Low-birth-weight babies

2. **Reducing Child Injuries, Child Abuse, Neglect or Maltreatment and Reduction of Emergency Department Visits**

   Possible topics:
   - Causes of Emergency Department visits
   - Preventing childhood injuries
   - Reporting suspected maltreatment

3. **Improved School Readiness and Achievement**

   Possible topics:
   - Parent’s support for children’s learning and development
   - Parent-child relationships
   - Parent emotional well-being or parenting stress
   - Child communication, language and emergent literacy
   - Identification of speech and language delays
   - Child’s social behavior, emotion regulation and emotional well-being
   - Child’s cognitive skills
   - Emotional intelligence, executive function, social/emotional skills
4. Reduction of Domestic Violence

Possible topics:
- Home visitors and domestic violence
- Domestic violence guidelines
- Creating a safety plan

5. Improved Family Economic Self-Sufficiency

Possible topics:
- Employment/education of adult family members
- Income supports and benefits
- Health insurance - navigating the marketplace
- Home Visiting with Homeless families

6. Improved Coordination and Referrals for Other Community Resources and Supports

Possible topics:
- Coordinated referral

Additional topics of interest to the Conference:

Possible topics:
- Self-care techniques for home visitors
- Connecting with families
- Impact of marijuana use in pregnancy
- How to de-escalate unsafe situations
- Reflective practice
- Coaching strategies
- Compassion fatigue
- Working with young families in tribal areas
- Military families
- Teen parents/pregnant Women less than 21 years of age
- Refugee, immigrant, migrant populations and linguistic isolation
- Kinship care
- Grandparents raising grandchildren

Conference Dates and Location

The 2016 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference will take place at the Glendale Renaissance Hotel. This facility will serve as the conference hotel, meeting center and venue for some scheduled events. Presenters must be avail-
able to present between Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

On the submission form, you may indicate your preferred presentation date(s). **We will try to honor your request, but we cannot guarantee that your session will be scheduled at your requested time.** We will also ask you if you are willing to repeat your session on the same or different days.

**Proposal Submission Process and Deadline**

All proposals must be submitted online. The online proposal submission system will close at 5:00 pm Arizona time on May 15, 2016. No fax, emailed or mailed proposals will be considered.

After submitting your proposal, you will receive an automatic email confirmation to the email entered in the system. If you DO NOT receive an email confirmation, your proposal has not been received and we encourage you to contact Dave Ryder, Veer Consulting Conference Management, at dryder@veerconsulting.com or 602-568-6277 for assistance and/or to verify receipt. As it may take up to a day to generate your confirmation email, we strongly recommend submitting your proposal at least 48 hours prior to the deadline date indicated. We also strongly recommend that you save your work in a Word™ document before beginning the submission process. You may cut and paste information into the text boxes of the submission form online and ensure that you have the proper word or character count. Submissions after the deadline, regardless of reason, will not be considered.

Sessions selected for presentation will be notified by email in early May, 2016. Logistics information will be provided to all selected presenters at that time.

**Speaking Credentials**

Submissions through this website will be reviewed by a professional selection committee and submitters will be asked to indicate if they have presented sessions at the Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference in the past and if so when and what subject. Speakers who have not presented at the conference will be asked to include locations, dates and topics of presentations similar to the one submitted. Speakers who have not presented at the conference may submit a short video of a similar presentation to dryder@veerconsulting.com to be considered along with their documentation submitted through the website. Submitters are encouraged to include as much information about professional affiliations, previous presentations and more during this process for consideration.
**Session Content and Materials**
Sessions may not consist of sales presentations, political commentary, personal or professional attacks or material that may be considered offensive or objectionable. Sessions with the greatest chance of acceptance will be of an educational nature with thought-provoking information and material related to the issues and topics indicated above. The selection committee reserves the right to reject a session based on any of these conditions.

**Sales and Copyrights**
Presenters may not sell or promote any commercial service or product. By submitting a proposal for this purpose, presenters certify that it is true and accurate they either own the copyright to all materials or they have obtained permission to use the materials from the copyright owner.

**Standard Equipment**
The following standard equipment will be provided by the conference: screen, LCD Projector and computer table with projector cord and power sources. In some instances, such as featured presenters, a wireless lavaliere microphone may be provided based on the size of the session room. Any additional equipment required for your presentation is provided at the option of the lead presenter or presenting team. You must provide your own laptop and back-up jump drive or DVD. If your presentation has sound, you must bring laptop speakers. The presenter is responsible for any adapters to connect his or her laptop to a standard VGA projector.

**Travel**
Travel and accommodations are the responsibility of the presenter(s). All speakers will be asked to register for the conference at no cost. It is strongly recommended that the presenting team remain to participate in the rest of the conference. Please be sure to make hotel reservations early and request information regarding the cancellation policy from the hotel or resort you are reserving.

**Presenter Photographs**
Presenter(s) agree(s) to provide a high resolution (300 dpi) color or black/white photograph of each presenter for inclusion on the speaker biography page to be posted to the Strong Families AZ website. Photographs are not mandatory for posting on the website but the conference encourages this posting. Please indicate your preference when submitting photographs. Photographs should be professional in nature with head shots preferred.

**Presenter Materials and Handouts**
Any handouts or other materials provided by the presenter(s) are the responsibility of the presenting team. The conference does not make photocopies or repro-
duce materials for distribution during your session. Presenters should bring any materials to be distributed with them to the conference.

**By submitting your presentation proposal, you understand and acknowledge the requirements of presenters as outlined above.**

Thank you for submitting a presentation proposal to the 2016 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference. We're delighted you are interested in sharing your knowledge and ideas with others.