



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

2017 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference: Succeeding Through Partnership

Session Submission Deadline: June 1, 2017 - 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 2017 Conference, "Succeeding Through Partnership," will be at the Hilton Pointe Tapatio, September 6-7, 2017. 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 2017 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.

Topic Areas of Interest:

1. Balance and Self-Care

Topics:

- Body/brain healing
- How to get the most out of Reflective Supervision

2. Supervisors

Topics:

- Retaining Staff
- How to Pass a Site Visit
- Coaching
- Managing Budgets
- Affordable Care Act
- CAPTA-new requirements

3. Health

Topics:

- Nutrition/obesity in Children
- Breastfeeding
- Second Hand Tobacco Exposure
- Managing Asthma
- Feeding issues

4. Diverse Populations

Topics:

- Families of children with special needs
- Teens
- Native American Families

5. Skills and Resources for Home Visitors

Topics:

- Interacting/engaging with families
- How to build Protective Factors in Families
- DES Recommended Practices
- Medically Assisted Treatment-Working Together
- DES Recommended Practices
- Ages and Stages Questionnaire

Conference Dates and Location

The 2017 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference will take place at the Hilton Pointe Tapatio. This facility will serve as the conference hotel, meeting center and venue for some scheduled events. Presenters must be available to present between Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Proposal Submission Process and Deadline

All proposals must be submitted online. strongfamiliesaz.com/HomeVisitingConference

The online proposal submission system will close at 5:00 pm Arizona time on June 1, 2017. 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 June, 2017. 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 lavalier 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.

Reimbursement

Speakers are not reimbursed, however, the lead presenter for each session will receive a \$100 honorarium.

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 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 reproduce materials for distribution during your session. Presenters should bring any materials to be distributed with them to the conference.

Discussion Groups

You may submit a proposal to facilitate a discussion group on a topic of concern to home visitors. Thursday morning, September 7 at 7:15 am, we will have round table discussions available to conference attendees. You are invited to submit a brief proposal for a subject that you would like to facilitate. Participants will be able to attend two 30-minute discussion groups. The facilitator will introduce the subject briefly and facilitate the discussion by providing questions to the group to stimulate discussions. The facilitator will be asked to report back to the Conference on the outcomes of the discussion. Please indicate on the application if you are submitting a workshop proposal or a proposal to facilitate a discussion group.

Thank you for submitting a presentation proposal to the 2017 Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference. We're delighted you are interested in sharing your knowledge and ideas with others.