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## **Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families seeking presentation proposals for 2020 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 26 to April 29, 2020.

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, program coordinators, juvenile probation officers, public defenders, foster parents, parent and youth mentors, faith-based organizations, and other stakeholders who are involved in the juvenile and child welfare systems.

At the 2020 Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families, BPCT, FTDC, and JPSC teams will participate in multidisciplinary 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 committee is seeking presentation proposals for 75-minute breakout sessions and three 90-minute plenaries that provide basic and high-level concepts and practical applications in a variety of topics. Proposals on any dependency and neglect, family treatment drug court, and

juvenile drug court related topics will be accepted from any individual, group, institution or company with an interest in dependency and neglect proceedings, child welfare, systems change or criminal justice.

Priority will be given to the following topics or other topics that address safety, permanency, well-being, or systems change in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems:

- Safety: treatment/services, human trafficking, juvenile delinquency, safety planning, Colorado safety assessment, prevention services, in-home services, community-based support
- Permanency: permanent home, crossover youth, effective case management, visitation reunification
- Well being: trauma-informed practices; substance use disorders (treatment and topics related to addiction); behavioral health education; intersections between mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders; inclusivity, equity, resilience and cultural competency; professional team wellness
- Systems change: Family First Prevention Services Act, dependency and neglect system reform, leadership, teamwork and collaboration, Indian Child Welfare Act, family treatment drug courts, juvenile drug courts, data/continuous quality improvement and predictive analytics, disproportionality (over-representation or under-representation)

Authors of submitted proposals may be invited to present at the 2020 Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families. Presenters will be asked to prepare a 75-minute breakout presentation, to be presented at two different sessions on one day of the three-day Convening, or a 90-minute plenary presentation, to be presented once.

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the Colorado Convening on Children, Youth and Families audience
- Originality of the presentation material
- Clear and focused learning objectives
- Practical applications of the information presented
- Exhibited knowledge and application of adult learning styles in session design

*Deadline for Proposals:* By Oct. 18, 2019, proposals must be submitted through the web link below and will be evaluated by the Convening Planning Committee.

*Acceptance of Proposals:* By Nov. 8, 2018, a decision on all proposals will be made and selected presentations will be named. The conference agenda will be finalized by January 31, 2020.

*Submission Guidelines:* Proposals must be submitted through:

<https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/191dcf3e-c4bb-40a5-ab60-abb1c71637e8>

Questions may be sent via e-mail to

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