

MOUNTAIN WEST EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Professional Development
of Early Childhood Professionals

Presenter Proposal Form deadline June 14, 2019

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Thank you for your commitment to the professional development of Early Childhood professionals. We anticipate an exciting conference with more than 500 attendees from across our region – Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and the Dakotas. Attendees include Head Start, Early Head Start, child care providers, pre-school and primary grade educators.

We invite you to submit a breakout session or workshop proposal for the Mountain West Early Childhood Conference, hosted by the Region 8 Head Start Association, Montana Head Start Association, and the Billings Association for the Education of Young Children. We welcome proposals from organizations and individuals committed to advancing the quality of early childhood education, family engagement, and related services.

Conference Theme: Forward to the Future

The 2019 conference theme is focused on moving the early childhood community in our region forward, especially in light of challenges faced by young children in the region. Issues such as mental health, complex trauma, substance abuse, family engagement (especially in rural areas) and best practices for program management will be a focus throughout the conference sessions.

The Associations welcome proposals that focus on a broad range of early childhood topics, but especially on:

- Understanding and responding to complex trauma in children ages 0-8
- Supporting children and families dealing with substance abuse
- Engaging and supporting children in non-classroom settings (e.g. transportation, outdoor environments)
- Staff wellness and retention
- Engaging families in program activities and kindergarten readiness, especially in rural and remote areas
- Reaching and teaching homeless children ages 0-8; supporting homeless families
- Using data to drive planning, instruction, and assessment
- Best practices for program management, including developing sources of match for state/federal grants
- Health and safety, especially sessions focusing on nutrition, mental health, or emergency readiness
- Developmentally appropriate practice for school-age children

Enclosed is a Presenter Proposal Form. Please complete and return to mountainwestecc@gmail.com no later than **June 14, 2019**, to be considered for a session at our conference. Proposals will be evaluated and you will be notified no later than July 12, 2019. If you are selected to present, you will be invited to register for the conference at a special discounted rate and/or offered a \$50 stipend per presentation hour

PLEASE NOTE: Presenters may not display or sell products in session rooms. Presenters are not permitted to sell products before, during or after their session at the Regional Conference. If you are interested in exhibiting, please email mountainwestecc@gmail.com to request a Sponsor/Exhibitor Prospectus.

Standard A/V equipment (projector, screen, microphone, podium) will be provided at no charge to presenters. Additional A/V requests may be accommodated at the speaker's expense and can be rented through the conference facility.

Presenter Proposals

Mountain West Early Childhood Conference
October 17, 18, 19 in Billings, MT

Name of Presenter:	
Name of Co-Presenter(s) if applicable:	
Title of Session:	
Email Address:	Phone#:
Presenter experience/ qualifications:	

Are you currently a Professional Development Specialist in the state of Montana? YES NO
If yes which level: I II III (Montana Early Childhood Practitioner Registry)

Knowledge Base Area: (please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Well-Being | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Growth & Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Family & Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Observation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation & Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Professionalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Dispositions |

Target Audience: (please check all that apply):

- Educators, Early Childhood Administrators/Managers/ Governance,
 Family/Group Child Care providers, School Age Program Staff, Head Start,
 Early Head Start, Parent/Family Engagement, Coach/Trainers, Support Staff,
 Special Education Staff, Public School Staff,

Other: _____

Briefly describe the training. Please attach any additional materials you wish for us to review.

List educational outcomes for the training: Participants will be able to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Training Methods (Please check all that apply)

- Case Study, Handouts, Hands-On Activities, Lecture, Multi-Media (DVD, PowerPoint, etc),
 Observation and/or Assessment, Panel Discussion, Small Group Discussion.

Other: _____

Session Preference: We cannot promise to accommodate all requests for presentation times, but if you have a preference for your session, please check one below:

Friday October 18th

- Morning Session
 Afternoon Session

No Preference

Saturday October 19th

- Morning Session
 Afternoon Session

Additional comments/requests:
