

Call for Workshop Proposals
American Adoption Congress 2011 Conference
Orlando, Florida, April 14 - 17, 2011

Conference Focus

Join us in the Sunshine state as we examine the *Many Faces of Adoption*. Our workshops and keynotes will reflect the breath, complexity and scope of those affected by the loss of family continuity. Powerful keynotes from leaders in adoption research, the experts in adoption reform legislation, and some of the most articulate voices of the adoption world will be offered. A robust program of workshops will be supplemented with opportunities to socialize, network, and support each other.

This annual conference provides a unique opportunity for professionals and non-professionals alike to learn from the experts, and share with those on the front lines directly involved in the adoption constellation, as well as those whose lives are touched by the loss of family continuity. You are warmly invited to become a part of our conference by submitting a workshop proposal. We've added a list of topics that we hope to cover but welcome your creative ideas.

Target Audience

- Family members who are connected by birth, adoption, foster care, and assisted reproduction
- Those affected personally or professionally by separation from the family of origin
- Those interested in the latest research and best practices in adoption and caring for children
- Others in the helping professions: mental health clinicians, educators, health care professionals and public officials

Expectations of Presenters

- Please submit your proposal by September 15, 2010. We will accept proposals by email. Proposals must be complete to be considered. Decisions will be communicated via email. We will schedule presentations based on the presenter availability indicated on the completed proposals.
- All presenters must be registered for at least one day of the conference and be available to answer attendees' questions and concerns. Lead presenters will receive a \$50 discount from the conference fee (one discount per person). Conference feedback will be sent to all presenters.
- Audio/Visual equipment is available by special arrangement. Please indicate the specific equipment needed on the proposal form. The AAC will work with the hotel and outside sources to procure equipment at the best possible prices, but the presenter must pay necessary rental fees. You will be able to pay any charges when you register.
- Please bring handouts with you. AAC will post your handouts to the AAC website if you grant us permission to do so.
- Except by special request, all sessions will be audiotaped for future distribution and sale by the AAC and the selected vendor.
- Presenters will respect the mission and purpose of the American Adoption Congress and demonstrate respect and consideration for all members of the triad and the professional community—attend to learn, not to judge.

Submission Instructions

Via email to Eileen McQuade, AAC Conference Chair at Eileen2155@gmail.com If you have any questions you may contact Eileen at 561.279.7714 or 561.414.1810

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Your name(s)

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Agency / Business Affiliation

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Professional Designation, Advanced Degrees

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Mailing Address

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City/ State/ Zip/Country

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E-Mail Address

Daytime Phone / Fax

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Workshop Title (8 word maximum)

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Target Audience

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Brief Description Of Workshop (50 words or less)

If your proposal is accepted, this description will be included in the conference brochure and registration packets.

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Availability of Presenter(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 4/14 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 4/14 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 4/15 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 4/15 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 4/16 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 4/16 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 4/17 am	

Audiovisual Requirements (must be submitted by 1/1/2011 to insure implementation)

<input type="checkbox"/> LCD Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> DVD player
<input type="checkbox"/> Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound projection

Biography of Presenter(s) (50 words or less)

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Please include your professional credentials. You may attach your resume or CV.

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL AGREEMENT (Unsigned proposals will be returned to the sender.)

I have read all of the workshop proposal information and submit this proposal with the understanding that, should my proposal be selected for the 2011 AAC Conference, I will agree to pay my own travel and hotel accommodations. I will agree to pay the discounted registration fee and for any AV costs.

Signature _____ Date _____

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AAC WORKSHOP PROPOSAL 2011

Ethics in Adoption

How to begin a legislative reform effort

Tips and Pitfalls in Legislative Reform

The Adoptive Parents Journey

The Impact of Assisted Reproductive Technologies

What do we do after rejection?

Late Discovery Adoptees

Addiction and Adoption

Reconnection: Making the Initial Contact

Sibling Relationships

International Adoption

Preserving Family and Cultural Ties

Legislative Reform

Support for the Adolescent Adoptee

Facilitating a Support Group

The Adoption Experience in Art and Performance

Healing from Grief and Loss

Managing Relationships in the Adoption "Constellation"

Issues in Search and Reunion

Birthparent Issues

Open Adoption

Genetic Sexual Attraction

Best Practices in Professional Education

Voluntary Relinquishment vs. Termination of Parental Rights

Workshop /Support for Significant Others of those impacted by adoption

Adoption 101 - history of adoption, including the importance of original records

Orphan Train and its relevance to our modern adoption reform movement

Georgia Tann's lasting effect on the state of adoption today

Preparing parents for international adoption: what the agencies won't tell you

The role of personal bias in facilitating adoption

Working with the media (Writing a press release, creating talking points, building media relationships)

Adopting a child of a different race