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THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES (OACAS) PRESENTS:

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SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE

The OACAS Symposium Planning Committee invites you to submit a proposal for presentation at the March 2010 Critical Connections Symposium.

OACAS, in partnership with the Violence Against Women sector, Children's Aid Societies, the Ontario Coroner's Office, Child Welfare Secretariat and the Ontario Women's Directorate, are seeking submissions about successful programs, new research and outcome studies that focus on women, children and families who are at risk of, or have experienced, woman abuse.

PURPOSE OF THIS SYMPOSIUM

- To highlight the effects of woman abuse on child safety and well being. Preference will be given to submissions highlighting effective and collaborative relationships.
- To promote increased awareness and understanding of woman abuse and the impact on the safety and well being of children and families.
- To build cross sector relationships and networks for those who work with abused women, children and their families to increase collaborative program responses.
- To identify trends, new programs and research related to women and children living with family violence.
- To provide an opportunity for Children's Aid Societies and their Community Partners to showcase their collaborative programs.

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| DATE: | March 9 & 10, 2010 |
| TIME: | March 9, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.; March 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Doubletree by Hilton: Toronto Airport Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario |
| SUBMISSION DEADLINE: | September 28, 2009 |

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Child Welfare professionals
- Violence against women professionals
- Ministry representatives (e.g. Ministries of Attorney General, Children and Youth Services, Aboriginal Affairs, Community and Social Services, Education and Health)
- Police Services
- Coroner's Office
- Education professionals
- Health professionals
- Service providers involved with woman abuse

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Presentations and panel discussions should be approximately **30 to 90** minutes in length. They should include in-depth information about research, programs and projects and include clinical intervention strategies that address one of the following topic areas:

1. Risk Assessment/Safety Planning/Lethality Assessment
2. New research and research studies
3. Programs/services for women, children, families and perpetrators/batterers
4. How to engage victims/families
5. Parenting within a violent environment

IN ADDITION PRESENTATION/PANEL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES

- Aboriginal/First Nations
- Family
- Parenting
- Culturally Diverse Groups
- Legal issues
- Programs for Men Who Abuse
- Anti-Oppressive Practice
- Innovative Partnerships
- Needs of Rural Communities
- Leadership
- Risk Assessment/Safety Planning and Lethality

Each presentation/panel discussion will be followed by a Question and Answer period.

PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATIONS/PANEL DISCUSSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

1. Title of presentation
2. A brief description and outline of the presentation, which may be used in all conference advertising material. Be sure to use clear language to describe the presentation
3. A list of who is involved in the collaborative project/program
4. Length of the project/program
5. Funding source
6. A list of resources that can be shared at the symposium, including any DVD or other visual resources and handouts
7. Site any known research or models upon which this project/program has been developed
8. Proposals must be submitted in the language of presentation (French or English). Translation will not be provided for presentations
9. All submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

All proposals will be evaluated by the OACAS Symposium Planning Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of partnerships
2. Transferability of workshop information to practice
3. Assessment and discussion of new and relevant research or models and outcomes
4. Innovation and originality
5. Planned group activities/interaction
6. Quality, clarity and organization of submission

Proposals will be selected to ensure a varied program across all sectors. Please note that not all submissions will be selected.

The selected groups/presenters will be provided with guidelines and support from OACAS staff in order to prepare for the symposium presentation. All presentations and handouts may be posted on the OACAS website after the conference.

HANDOUTS

Presenters are asked to provide any materials, tools, templates for distribution to symposium participants. Videos and other visual aides are welcome.

A CD containing presenters' PowerPoint and/or presentations and all the handouts will be included with participants' registration material.

It is the responsibility of presenters to submit electronic handouts to OACAS **three (3) weeks prior to the conference.**

POSTER/INFORMATIONAL AND RETAIL BOOTHS

NOMINAL CHARGE FOR POSTER/INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS FOR NON OR NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations can showcase their services, products or available resources via Poster/Informational Booths or Retail Booths. Retail or Informational booths are visual displays of available services, resources, and research or outreach programs. Booths will be exhibited in a specific area at the conference and will provide an opportunity to interact with conference attendees during refreshment breaks, pre and post symposium events and handout informational material from the designated area.

Booths may be used to display, distribute materials and research, audio visual products and other items and/or services to conference attendees. Each booth will be provided with a 6' skirted table and backdrop for mounting display/posters included in the booth fee. All other requirements for retail booths (power, additional lighting, A/V, etc) will incur additional charges. Posters, displays and materials are subject to approval of OACAS.

Poster presentations/materials should:

- Be Informational
- Describe the major points/highlights of a program, research or service available
- Clearly identify the organization offering the program or service

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

1. Submit proposals for presentation/panel presentations requests online to skolaroff@oacas.org prior to **September 28, 2009**.
2. Submit requests for poster/informational or retail booths online to skolaroff@oacas.org prior to **January 15, 2010**.
3. Identify a contact person. He or she will be the only one contacted regarding the submission. It is the contact person's responsibility to notify all others involved in the submission.
4. All submissions will be acknowledged by email upon receipt.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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