

# Call for Proposals

## NACAC's 38th Annual Conference

July 25–28, 2012 • Crystal City, Virginia

If you can help parents, professionals, and advocates gain the skills they need to promote child permanency and support adoptive families, please consider presenting at NACAC's 38th annual conference. The event will take place July 25–28, 2012 in Crystal City, Virginia (just outside Washington, D.C.).

Until November 1, 2011, we encourage adoptive and foster parents, child welfare professionals, adoptees, birth parents, former foster youth, researchers, therapists, and other child advocates to submit workshop and institute proposals for the 2012 conference. Three-hour institutes will take place Thursday, July 26. Workshops of 90 or 120 minutes will run from Thursday morning through Saturday.

### Guidelines

Sessions may have up to three presenters. If multiple presenters submit proposals to discuss similar issues, NACAC may ask them to present as a panel. Presenters who are NACAC members do not have to pay registration fees, but are expected to donate their time and expenses as a contribution to waiting children and the adoption community.

Proposed presentations should address key topics such as post-adoption support services, family recruitment and retention, parent group activities, or other adoption-related subjects. Follow the format below, provide a detailed outline, and state what participants will gain from the presentation.

NACAC makes final session selections after board members, staff, and conference committee participants review each proposal. We will notify prospective presenters about final session decisions in January or February 2012.

NACAC is not responsible for verifying the originality of submissions, and cannot be held liable for presenters' copyright infringements or other ownership rights violations.

### Topics

Below is a list of topic areas you can use to describe the type of presentation you are proposing. Pick the *one* topic that best fits your presentation:

1. Adoption Agency Management
2. Advanced Issues in Adoption & Adoption Therapy
3. Advocacy & Public Policy
4. Kinship Placements & Birth Family Connections
5. Parenting Adopted Children
6. Parenting Children with Special Needs
7. Permanency Options
8. Post-Adoption Services (including parent support groups)
9. Preparing for Adoption (for parents)
10. Race, Culture, & Diversity in Adoption
11. Recruitment & Pre-Adoption Services
12. Supporting Children & Families

To learn more about the topics, visit the conference section of [www.nacac.org](http://www.nacac.org).

### Format

Please follow the format outlined below.

### Presentation Information

- **Title**
- **Type:** Indicate institute or workshop, and a topic area (from the list above) by number and name.
- **Level:** Determine a level of intermediate or advanced—intermediate sessions have basic information on a subject area with practical applications; advanced sessions present up-to-date research or content for attendees who already have a strong basic understanding of the issue.
- **Description for brochure:** Descriptions should be 25 to 75 words in length, and give conference attendees a sense of what to expect from the presentation. NACAC will edit descriptions for length, content, and clarity.
- **Content:** Suggest your intended format (lecture, open discussion, panel presentation) and outline the material you plan to present. (You may include handouts you would distribute.)

- **Intended audience:** List parents, social workers, advocates, teens, etc., and include prior knowledge needed, if any.

### Lead Presenter

- Name, title, affiliation
- Address, e-mail, day and evening phone numbers, fax
- Experience/bio

### Other Presenters (*no more than two*)

- Name, title, affiliation
- Address, e-mail, day and evening phone numbers, fax
- Experience/bio

### Audio-Visual Equipment Desired

Please list the a-v equipment you need.

NACAC does *not* provide LCD projectors or computers, but can provide a screen and cart if you let us know that you are bringing a projector.

**Please note:** Presenters are responsible for providing their own handouts (if any) to conference attendees. A few weeks before the conference, staff will let speakers know how many people are registered for each session so they can estimate the number of handouts needed. We will also ask presenters if they are willing to have their handouts posted on NACAC's web site after the conference so attendees can more easily access the information. ♦

## Tuesday, November 1, 2011

is the **deadline** for submitting workshop and institute proposals for the 2012 NACAC conference. You may submit your proposal in the following three ways:

**E-mail** (send PDF or Microsoft Word documents) to [conference@nacac.org](mailto:conference@nacac.org)

**Fax** to 651-644-9848

**Mail** to NACAC Conference  
970 Raymond Ave., Suite 106  
St. Paul, MN 55114-1149

If you have questions or would like further information about presenting at or attending NACAC's next conference, please call 651-644-3036 or write to [conference@nacac.org](mailto:conference@nacac.org).