Arizona Head Start ASSOCIATION

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Arizona Head Start Association
6th Annual Birth to Five Mental Health Symposium
"Building Social Emotional Foundations for School Readiness"

October 18 & 19, 2012
Desert Willow Conference Center
Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Invitation to Speakers – Call for Presentations

Dear Colleague:

The Arizona Head Start Association (AHSA) is extending a formal invitation for your participation as a presenter for our 6th Annual Mental Health Symposium, **"Building Social Emotional Foundations for School Readiness."** We want to emphasize the social, emotional, behavioral and environmental issues which impact young children and their families, *especially as it relates to 'school readiness'*. With your involvement we will provide our participants practical, hands on, realistic information & practices as we work with children and their families across all service areas.

Key Dates:

- **July 20, 2012** **Call for Presentations are due**
- August 26, 2012 Confirmation for presenters and sessions
- September 30, 2012 Handouts due for advance copying
  - Please help us in our effort to 'go green' by limiting handouts for copying
- October 18 & 19, 2012 6th Annual Mental Health Symposium

Symposium format is as follows:

- Concurrent Sessions (1 ¾ hour sessions).
- Double Concurrent Sessions (3.5 hour sessions)
  - Offering Part 1 & Part 2 of same topic to extend breadth of subject – same group of participants is required

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6th Annual Birth to Five Mental Health Symposium
"Building Social Emotional Foundations for School Readiness"

The Arizona Head Start Association (AHSA) is pleased to announce the 6th Annual Mental Health Symposium in collaboration with our colleagues in the early childhood, infant-toddler, preschool & child care fields. This Symposium affords us all the opportunity to participate in quality educational experiences as well as establish and renew relationships with our peers. This gathering together with other professionals allows all of us to gain knowledge and strengthen our skills which support our collective mission of enhancing the lives of young children and their families in Arizona. We look forward to working together to support interagency collaborations.

Call for Presentations

The planning committee is dedicated to providing high caliber presenters in each session offered. We invite professionals from many fields, representing various agencies throughout Arizona and nationally to submit a ***Call for Presentations*** application for consideration.

Guidelines for Prospective Presenters

- Complimentary Symposium registration (including breaks and lunch) will be provided for the "lead presenter" only on the day of their presentation.
- Co-Presenter(s) can purchase an additional daily 'meal voucher' for $75.00.
    - Attendance at other sessions (when presenter is not presenting) that day will be based on space available, with regular conference participants receiving priority.
- AHSA does not provide compensation for presenters.
- Handouts will be duplicated by the Arizona Head Start Association only if they arrive in our office or via email by the due date (September 30, 2012). Presenters will not be reimbursed for material that they elect to duplicate after the deadline.
    - Please help us in our effort to be green by limiting handouts for copying.
- Group size of the session will be approximately 25 – 50 participants per session. The committee will notify you of your group size. The rooms will be set-up "pod" style with tables and chairs for participant comfort.
- All sessions will be held in the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Segments of sessions may be photographed, videotaped or audiotaped by AHSA and will remain the property of AHSA to use for educational or marketing purposes. If a trainer wishes to document their own session through photography, videotape or audiotape, prior written permission from AHSA and session participants must be granted.

Submission Requirements

The information listed below must be submitted in order for an application to be considered complete. Please attach all information and use additional pages if necessary.
Call for Presentations must be received no later than ***July 20th, 2012.***

- **Suggested topics as they relate to the theme of the Symposium: (non-inclusive list)**

    - Topics related to one or more the foundations outlined by ADE Early Learning Standards - Social-Emotional Strand
      http://www.azed.gov/wp-content/uploads/PDF/EarlyLearningStandards.pdf
      Knowledge of Self
      Self-Awareness
      Recognition and Expression of Feelings

- Social Interactions with Others
  - Separation
  - Cooperation
- Responsibility for Self and Others
  - Self-Control
  - Respect
- Approaches to Learning
  - Curiosity
  - Initiative
  - Persistence
  - Creativity
  - Problem-Solving
  - Confidence

- Pyramid Model
- Positive Behavior Support
- Family Engagement
- Staff Wellness
- Conscious Discipline
- Fatherhood & Male Involvement
- Planning & Preparing Early Learning Environments
- Home Visits
- CLASS
- Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG)
- Attachment

Call for Presentations Application

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*This form must be used for all "Call for Presentations" submissions. It may be photocopied. Call for Presentations must be received no later than **July 20th, 2012**. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please list a working e-mail address and phone number where we can easily reach you. Session confirmation will be issued on or before August 26th, 2012*

Name of Lead Presenter: _____

Agency/Company/School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone #:_____ Fax #:_____

Name(s) of Co-presenters: _____

Presentation Length: ☐ Concurrent Session (1 3/4 hours)
☐ Double Concurrent Session (3.5 hours)
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Are you willing to repeat your session? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ would consider, we can discuss

SESSION DETAILS

Session Title: _____

Style of Presentation: Lecture ☐ Group Discussion ☐ Role play ☐
Active/Interactive Learning ☐ Other_____ ☐

Target Audience: (check all that apply)

☐ Administrators/Managers

☐ Teachers

☐ Teacher Assistants/Paraprofessionals

☐ Home Visitors

☐ _____ (please specify)

Brief Overview/Description & Summary (50 words or less):

Outline of your presentation include learning objectives and tentative agenda (200 words or less):

A brief biographical sketch for introduction purposes (50 words or less):

Audio Visual Requests

- ☐ LCD Projector (PowerPoint & CD based presentations)
- ☐ Laptop Computer (PowerPoint & CD based presentations)
- ☐ Internet Access
- ☐ Flip Chart & Markers
- ☐ Easel
- ☐ Other: (specify) _____

☐ I would like to receive information about serving as a Vendor or Exhibitor at this Symposium.

Thank you for your interest in sharing you knowledge & skills with our participants.

Email applications & documents to:

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