

Sarasota YMCA / Safe Children Coalition

9th Annual Conference

April 17 – 18, 2019

Dear Friends,

The Safe Children Coalition is pleased to announce our ninth annual conference call for proposals. Our annual conference anticipates 250 child welfare professionals and community partners including attorneys, child advocates, Child Protection Team, relative, foster, & adoptive caregivers, Guardians ad Litem, law enforcement, service providers, DCF staff, case managers and child protective investigators. We are seeking knowledgeable, dynamic speakers to present topics that will enhance attendees understanding and knowledge in an array of areas related to child welfare.

If you are interested in being considered as a potential session presenter at our next conference please visit our website <https://www.sarasotaymca.org/safekidrecoalition/> or submit a presentation proposal request through the following link: <https://srqymca.typeform.com/to/rCmekr>

Proposal submission deadline is November 15, 2018. All sessions should be either 75 minutes or 150 minutes long.

Preferred topics of interest include:

- **Domestic Violence**
- **Substance Abuse**
- **Social Media Safety**
- **De-escalation Techniques**
- **Sexual Abuse Dynamics**
- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Parenting**
- **Self Care**
- **EMDR**
- **TFCBT**
- **Working with LGBTQIA Youth**
- **Early Childhood Court Program**
- **Engaging & Empowering Families**
- **Child Development & Disorders**
- **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**
- **Role of Trauma and Mechanisms for Healing**
- **Risk Factors & Warning Signs of Mental Health Disorders**
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study & Implications**
- **Positive Discipline & Effective Communication Techniques**
- **Childhood Mental Health & Treatment (including ADHD, ODD, Autism, Speech & Sensory)**

Criteria for Selection of Workshop Presentations

Proposals will be reviewed by the 2019 Safe Children Coalition Conference committee. The committee will use the following criteria when evaluating presentation proposals.

- Adherence to proposal submission instructions;
- Relevance to conference goals and objectives;
- Potential for engaging participants in substantive discussions;
- Clarity of writing and ability to express ideas in a concise manner;
- How the session is unique from others that might address a similar topic;
- Extent to which the session creates or generates new knowledge of approaches to practice.

The final selection of proposals will be completed in November 2018 and selected presenters will be notified by December 3, 2018.

For additional questions or comments you may contact Angie Abbot at (941)371-4799 ext. 205 or aabbot@sarasotaymca.org.