



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Changing the Pace is the theme of the 2012 Alberta Early Years Conference. We will examine ways to change the pace of our fast moving society - as professionals, families, community members and in our interactions and expectations of young children. We plan to explore ways to become more mindful of the work that is done with children and families in order to focus on the whole child and the building of relationships.

Who Attends? The conference is primarily for front line staff, administrators, volunteers and policy makers who work in the field of early intervention with families and their children (birth to 6 years) who live in at risk environments and/or are at risk of or have a developmental delay or disability. These professionals include, but are not limited to, early intervention workers, social workers, program administrators, speech and language professionals, child care workers, family literacy programs, early head start and head start programs and community health workers; with the vast majority being from the not-for-profit sector.

What are our Goals? It is our desire to provide the 400 conference participants, with engaging speakers and topics that focus on new understandings of and approaches to supporting healthy early childhood development and the advancement of early education practices and policies. Some of our past keynote speakers have included Bruce Perry, Joan Durrant, Carl Dunst, Mary Gordon, Clyde Hertzman, Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Lonnie Zwaigenbaum, Jane Hewes, Gordon Neufeld and Stuart Shanker.

How do you submit a proposal? Submissions of presentations on Innovative Practice or Interventions, Research, Program Development or Policy Initiatives, for the 2012 conference are welcomed from all organizations or individuals who care for, work with or are involved in the area of young children and their families. Proposals may be submitted a number of ways, although **electronic submissions are preferred:**

1. On Line: Go to: <http://www.albertaearlyyears.ca/callforpapers.html> and follow the directions.
2. Paper Copy: Complete the attached form and either:
 - o Email it to conference@albertaearlyyears.ca **or**
 - o Mail it to:
Alberta Early Years
c/o Timewise Event Management Inc.
456, 17008 – 90 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5T 1L6

Summary for the Conference Brochure: *(a maximum of 50 words – longer submissions will be edited)*

Presentation Stream: *Choose the stream to which your topic is most suited. Stream definitions can be found on the AEY website at: www.albertaearlyyears.ca*

- At Risk
- Delays / Difference in Development
- Family and Cultural Competence
- Enhancing Partnerships
- Wellness

What will participants gain from attending this presentation?

Presentation Format: *Please Choose One:*

- Lecture/Workshop – 60 Minutes
- Lecture/Workshop – 90 Minutes
- Panel Session – 60 Minutes
- Panel Session – 90 Minutes
- Poster Session

Note: each session should allow for discussion, questions or interaction between presenters and the audience/session participants.

If your lecture/workshop or panel presentation is not accepted, would you be willing to Present your information as a poster presentation? **YES** **NO**

Presentation Level: *Indicate the level of knowledge and/or experience required by the participants to best benefit from this presentation*

Choose One:

- Intermediate
- Advanced

Audio Visual Requirements: Identify the audio visual equipment you will need for your presentation (ie: overhead projector, flipchart, slide projector, etc.)

- .Are you planning on bringing your Macintosh computer for your presentation?: **Yes** **No**
.Does your presentation have an audio component to it? **Yes** **No**

Any Other Requests? (ie: maximum attendance at your session) _____

PRESENTER INFORMATION

Please provide all of the following information for the primary presenter and any other presenters. All communication regarding this submission will go to the primary presenter, so please ensure that they have a working email address, which is checked regularly. The primary presenter is also responsible for communicating all conference information to their co-presenters.

Primary Presenter:

First & Last Name:		Position:
Organization Name:		
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Biographies (include affiliations and credentials as relevant to the presentation – maximum 50 words. This information will be used to introduce the presenter at the beginning of their presentation.)		

Presenter #2:

First & Last Name:		Position:
Organization Name:		
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Biographies (include affiliations and credentials as relevant to the presentation – maximum 50 words. This information will be used to introduce the presenter at the beginning of their presentation.)		

If there are more than 2 presenters, please provide (on a separate sheet) all of the above information for the additional presenters:

COPYRIGHT PERMISSION:

AEY Conference 2012 is going “green” to improve access and decrease costs. Therefore, the conference committee has chosen to eliminate the conference syllabus and post the presentations (as PDF files) on the AEY conference website. It is therefore a **requirement** that you give permission to post your presentation on our website.

Yes, (required). I give permission to post my presentation on the AEY conference website and in any other publication related to the Alberta Early Years Conference

Yes, (optional). I give permission to post the presenter biographies and contact information on the AEY conference website and in any other publication related to the Alberta Early Years Conference

IN LIEU OF HONORARIA/FEE OR OTHER EXPENSES:

Workshop Presenters: we offer a reduced conference rate of ½ price for up to 2 presenters per workshop.