



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS **Joint Council Annual Conference** **Friday, March 27 – Saturday, March 28, 2009**

Joint Council on International Children's Services is pleased to announce its annual Conference to be held at the **Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Indiana, from March 27th – March 28th, 2009**. Joint Council's first Adult Adoptee Institute will take place Wednesday, March 25th, and our Medical Institute will occur on Thursday, March 26th.

For many years, the Annual Conference has created an educational environment for attendees to learn medical and social developments affecting internationally adopted children and the practitioners who serve them.

As Joint Council strengthens our focus on global permanency for children, we will expand our conference to include workshops on all viable permanency solutions, including international adoption. **This shift reiterates our ongoing mission to find all children safe, loving and permanent homes by acknowledging the current global climate, as well as the multiple advocates who seek to end the orphan crisis.**

Professionals involved in the fields of child welfare and nonprofit management are invited to submit proposals to present at the Annual Conference. As always, Joint Council is interested in proposals that empower adoption practitioners and agency directors, particularly in-depth discussions on post-adoption services. We also welcome sessions that help us provide a comprehensive view of child welfare by addressing foster care, kinship care, family preservation, reunification and related topics. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address emerging issues affecting practitioners, including adoption disruption; the effects of adoption, particularly transracial adoption, on identity; and use of resources for children with special needs (such as individualized education plans).

Joint Council will also offer a management track, with an emphasis on helping agencies face the current obstacles to international adoption. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address the diversification of services to create multiple income streams.

Due to the addition of the March 25th Adult Adoptee Institute, Joint Council will not be accepting submissions focused solely on adult adoptees for the general conference.

WORKSHOPS: Sixteen (16) workshops will be scheduled throughout the two-day event. Workshops will typically be 1 hour in duration, including time for questions and answers.

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

Management/Business Issues; Diversifying Agency Income Streams; Mergers/Agency Partnerships; Fundraising and Development; Public Relations; Post-Adoption Services and Training; Foster Care; Family Preservation; Kinship Care; Family Reunification; Analysis of Global Child Welfare; Legal Topics; Inter-Agency Best Practices; Behavioral Therapeutic Approaches; Humanitarian Aid; Search and Reunion; Adoption Disruption; the Effects of Transracial Adoption; Identity Issues Affecting Adoptees

REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for inclusion in the conference, each person submitting a proposal should complete the form on the following page with attached details and submit to Joint Council. **All proposals must be postmarked/mailed by September 5, 2008.**

EXPENSES: All conference presenters are expected to pay the conference registration fee (if attending workshops), as well as expenses related to travel, hotel, and non-conference meals.

PRESENTATION HANDOUTS: It is expected that presenters will submit electronic copies of their handouts before February 27, 2009, in order for Joint Council to post them on the Conference website. **This is a firm deadline and presenter participation will support Joint Council's efforts to "Go Green" by reducing the number of printed handouts.** Speakers who miss this deadline assume responsibility to bring enough copies of their handouts onsite. The Joint Council staff will notify all presenters of their approximate audience size prior to the event.

Presentation topics will be decided and presenters notified on or before October 1, 2008. Speakers are considered confirmed after submitting a signed contract provided by the Joint Council office.

Proposals should be mailed to:

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TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

TOPIC IS GEARED TOWARD: (circle one) Advanced Basic

PRESENTER(S):

Main Presenter Name (including honorary titles): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Additional Presenter Name (including honorary titles): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION: Please provide a brief one- to three-paragraph summary in the space below; this description will help Joint Council shape conference publications

DETAILED SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION: Potential presenters are also strongly encouraged to attach a more detailed summary of their presentation to this form (2 page maximum)

THREE LEARNING OBJECTIVES: These learning objectives will be used in the continuing education evaluation form to help attendees assess speakers/presentations

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY FOR EACH PRESENTER: Please provide a brief one- to three-paragraph summary in the space below; this description will be used in Joint Council conference publications

DETAILED RESUME FOR EACH PRESENTER: Potential presenters are also strongly encouraged to attach a full resume or CV to this form

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: *Each workshop space will have a laptop and LCD projector; please circle other A/V equipment required.*

Laser Pointer Flip Chart with Markers Other

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Workshops will be scheduled throughout the day Friday and on Saturday morning. All presenters must be open to all time slots. If you have a scheduled conflict for one of the days, please note it here, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please also circle the statement below if applicable.

I am willing to present my workshop during the Federal Panel session.

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