

# 2022 AAHHSA Annual Education Conference Call for Proposals

Guiding information to help submit a strong proposal

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# Intent for the Event

The AAHHSA Annual Education Conference is a comprehensive learning and networking experience for attorneys who represent the state and local government agencies that administer health and human services programs. This conference promotes pragmatic innovation in health and human services while facilitating the exchange of information between attorneys from across the nation.

As the only national organization representing state and local agencies charged with administering human service programs, APHSA and AAHHSA have long endorsed transformation and innovation. It is our hope that the 2022 AAHHSA Annual Conference will assist health and human service leaders, policy makers, and legal professionals to leverage the transformative possibilities for their organizations and their clients.

# Intent for the Call for Proposals

Visit the [AAHHSA Conference](#) page for up-to-date details and announcements.

We are now accepting proposals for the AAHHSA Annual Education Conference, being held October 9-12, 2022, at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. We encourage content from state and local government agencies as well as community-based organizations and private sector organizations that deliver important programs and services through innovative solutions.

The types of sessions we are looking for:

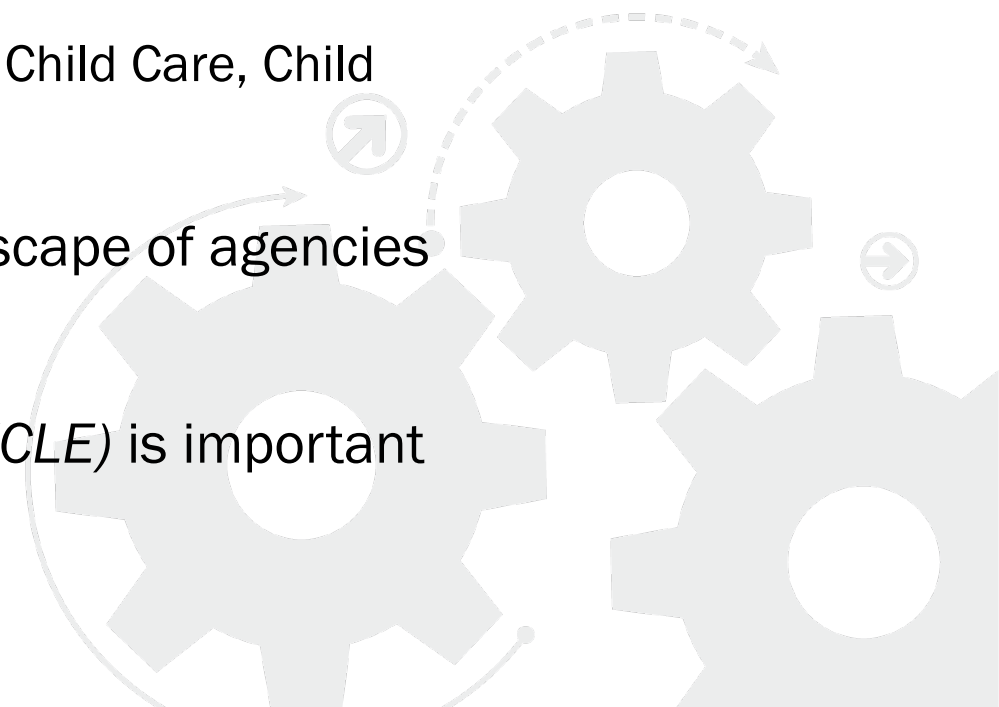
- Interactive presentations
- Panel presentations with a collaboration of thought leaders, policymakers, practitioners, and/or researchers.

APHSA and its members are committed to advancing race equity. Content addressing structural inequities in our systems and root causes of racial disparities through policy and practice are strongly encouraged.



# Information on Session Topics

- Within the topic categories on **slide 6**, the AAHHSA Conference is interested in proposals that have practical application to advancing legal matters in health and human services for their constituents.
- The proposal should address
  - Innovative, evidence-based, best, or promising practices or important foundational content
  - Which program it will highlight (e.g., Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, Child Care, Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Child Support, etc.)
- The content being offered should reflect the current landscape of agencies and the communities they serve.
- Content which provides *continuing legal education units (CLE)* is important for attendees.



Topics	Your Session Could Include Information on the Below, but Note That This is Not an Exhaustive List
Addressing Bias in the Legal Profession	Identifying implicit, explicit, and confirmation bias; roles and responsibilities of attorneys in addressing individual and systemic racism in the legal profession
Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder	ICF-IID restrictions; developmental disabilities; SAMSA; opioid crisis
Child Welfare / Child Support / Child Care	Agency lawyer/client relationships; foster care litigation/consent decrees; agency and court collaboration in child welfare cases; working with court in child welfare; litigating best interests; child friendly litigation practices; youth attending dependency hearings; non-adversarial litigation in child welfare; training agency child welfare lawyers; recruitment and retention of agency lawyers; child forensic interviewing; ethical issues in child welfare proceedings; legal representation of children and parents by private attorneys
Cyber/Data Security	MOUs vs. and/or with a DSA; handling data breaches; HIPAA
Elder Justice	Adult Protective Services; assessing decision-making capacity and its implications in criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings
Federal Funding	DSH Pool Payments; increased federal match under the Public Health Emergency
HHS Workforce and Operations	Supervising attorneys; shift due to pandemic; workforce development, recruitment, and retention; succession planning; trial practice
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	Privatizing juvenile justice; children perpetrating on children; delinquency and child welfare collaboration; recent best practice developments; therapeutic courts in delinquency cases
Long Term Care	HBCS regulations; nursing home supplemental payments, trust eligibility determinations; receivership of long-term care facilities
Medicaid and CHIP	MCO regulations; 1115 waivers, state plan amendments; use of promissory notes as a vehicle to shift assets and qualify for Medicaid
Prevention Services	The role of agency lawyers in prevention; litigation for failure to act on reports of harm; prevention programs vs. differential response programs
SNAP / TANF – Legal Focus	Legal justifications for income disregards; connection points for child support collection (when customers can be exempted, obligations to inform, etc.); state law changes for program policies; potential state flexibilities in TANF; legal considerations with aligning programs such as SNAP and WIC (data MOUs, differences in eligibility, etc.); public charge; guaranteed income pilots, work requirements, broad based categorical eligibility, or combined application projects

Deliverable	Deadline
Open Call for Proposals	Friday, March 25, 2022
Close Call for Proposals	Friday, May 6, 2022
Review and Selection	May 13 – June 1, 2022
Notification to Presenters (Accepted and Declined)	No later than June 15, 2022
Planning committee members work with presenters on making sure that content is strong and aligns with focus of the conference goals and objectives.	Ongoing process
Speaker, Moderator, and Facilitator Training	Week of August 1, 2022
All Materials Due to Events Team	Friday, September 9, 2022
First Day of Event	Sunday, October 9, 2022

# What you need to start your submission

*Gathering this information prior to starting each submission will be helpful*

*All fields in the system marked with a red asterisk (\*) are required*

- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
  - *After adding a co-presenter's name and email, the primary presenter can invite them to complete their own profile and sign speaker permissions and acknowledgments.*
- Session title – no more than 10 words in title format
- Summary of your session – no more than 300 words
- Up to three learning objectives
  1. *What will an attendee take away that they can use immediately in their work?*
  2. *What will an attendee be able to implement in their organization in the next 6 to 12 months?*
  3. *How will the information presented in your session support an attendee in transforming their practice and/or agency?*



Session Type	Definition	Notes
Interactive/Workshop Session <i>that will spark learning and engagement</i>	<p>Following a short presentation, attendees are divided into groups then brought back together for group discussion/reflection.</p> <p>Session Length: 90 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommend having a designated facilitator for time tracking</li></ul>
Panel Presentation	<p>A panel of no more than four speakers <i>including</i> a moderator.</p> <p>Session Length: 75 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excellent way to showcase success stories</li><li>• Private sector presenters are strongly encouraged to have state or local client present with them</li></ul>

# Getting Started: Use this [link](#) to enter the AAHNSA Call for Proposals portal

An “**Incomplete**” will show on any task not completed. Once all required fields, in each task, are completed, you will be able to submit your submission. You can save your work and come back to edit, as needed, until **Friday, May 6**.



## Welcome to the APHSA Call for Papers Submission Site

You will be using this site to submit your proposal for review. All fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) are required to complete the submission. Click Join Now below to begin.

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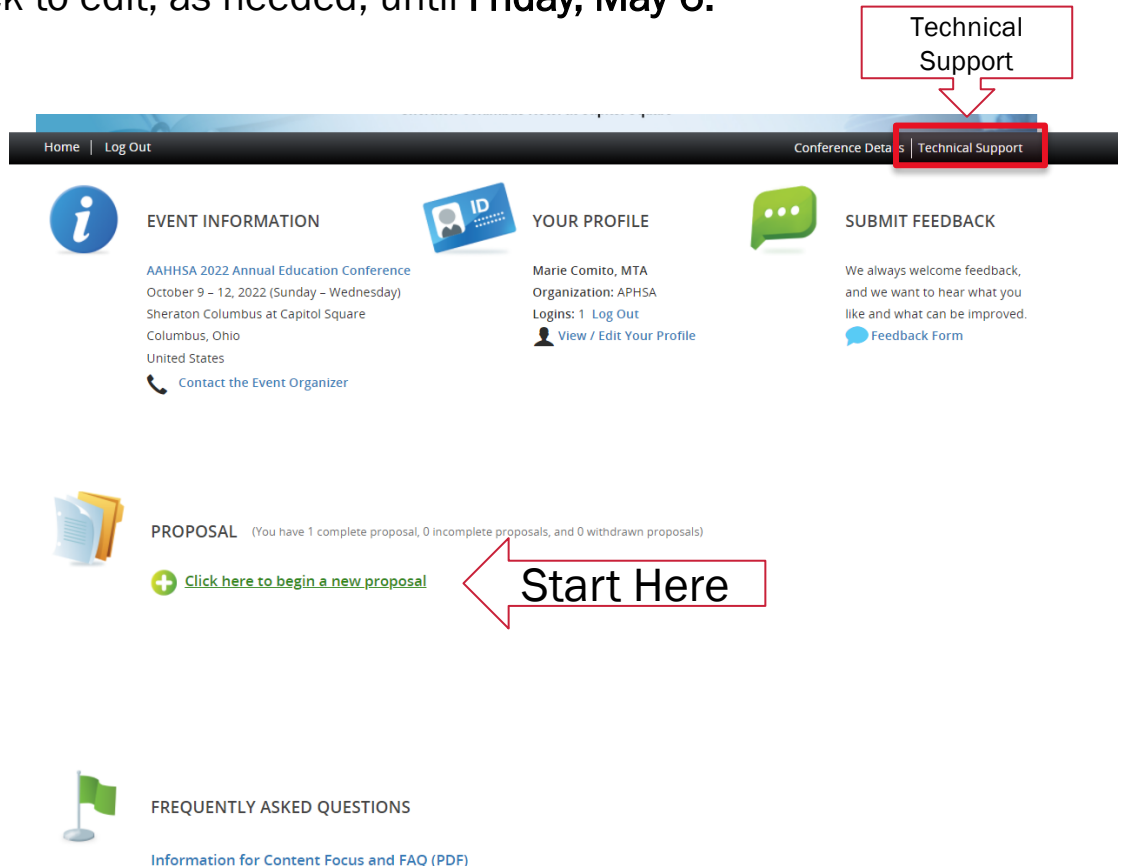
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Individual emails are required for each presenter.  
You cannot use the same email for all presenters.



# Questions or Need Assistance?

Throughout the submission process, you will find a “Technical Support” button at the top right of the screen for assistance with the submission platform.

Contact the Events Team at [aphsaconferences@aphsa.org](mailto:aphsaconferences@aphsa.org) for questions on content, deadlines, required materials, etc. This email is being monitored by the team and you should receive a response within one (1) business day, Monday-Friday.

You may also reach out directly to a member of the Events Team. Our information is listed below:

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For the information on registration, hotel reservations, and other important updates, please visit the AAHSA Conference [website](#).