

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY



AND CONCILIATION COURTS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

AFCC FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Addiction, Family Violence and Mental Illness: Assessing and Managing Challenges to Contemporary Co-parenting

NOVEMBER 1-3 AND 6-7, 2023

In response to popular demand, **AFCC is offering the 2023 Fall Conference in a virtual format.** Each session will be 90 minutes, with either a 60-minute or 30-minute break between programs to allow participants to return phone calls, check email, or grab a bite to eat. All programs will be recorded and available for registrants to access at any time. The conference will include educational and social opportunities.

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions either related to the conference theme or on other topics of relevance to family law, dispute resolution and mental health professionals.

All proposals are due by midnight, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, using the online submission form at afccnet.org

Proposed topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Interviewing Children
- Cultural Biases Regarding Addiction, Abuse, and Mental Illness
- Parenting Coordination with Complex Issues
- Parenting Plan Evaluations
- Viability of Co-parenting after Family Violence
- Parenting Capacity and Mental Illness
- Child Safety and Parental Addiction
- Step-up Parenting Plans
- Mediation
- Access to Justice
- Parent-child Contact Problems
- Family Dispute Resolution Innovations
- Innovations in Family Court Services
- Supervised Parenting Time
- Court-Involved Therapy

*AFCC encourages workshop proposals with more than one presenter.
University faculty are encouraged to include their students as co-presenters.*

Proposal Instructions

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions. To submit a proposal using the online form, please visit the [Fall Virtual Conference page](#) on the AFCC website. You must submit the following information:

1. The name and email address of the presenter who will coordinate your workshop.
2. A workshop title (*no more than 80 characters*).
3. An abstract of up to 250 words describing your proposed workshop.
4. A program-ready description of your proposed workshop (up to 90 words) for the conference brochure. *Note: AFCC reserves the right to edit description for consistency.*
5. A description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community (up to 250 words).
6. A description of the limitations of the proposed content, including contradictory perspectives and/or evidence.
7. For research proposals, please include a *brief description* of your methodology, results, conclusions, and applications for practice and policy implications, and for future research (up to 350 words).
8. A statement of how your session will incorporate issues related to diversity and/or culture (up to 250 words).
9. Three citations from professional literature within the last ten years that provide support for your program (**do not include** links to websites, newsletter articles, or statutes).
10. Two learning objectives that will be addressed by your proposed workshop. **EXAMPLE:**
*Participants will be able to **identify** three ethical guidelines for parenting coordinators.*
11. Complete contact information for all proposed presenters.
12. Name and information for each presenter as it will appear in the program (include your name, your highest academic degree(s) (no more than two), organization, city, state/province, country).
13. Contact information for two professional references.
14. CVs/resumes and a brief bio for all proposed presenters must be uploaded with your proposal or emailed to psommer@afccnet.org. Please save each attachment (Word document or PDF) under the name of the presenter.

There is a maximum of four presenters per workshop (including a moderator). The deadline for proposals is midnight on Wednesday, **May 3, 2023**. Each presenter may be included on a maximum of two proposals. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers reduced registration rates for conference presenters, but does not reimburse any expenses associated with presenting virtually. Each presenter is responsible for providing their own computer, internet connection, and any audio/visual equipment needed for the presentation. All proposals must be submitted via the [online form](#). Visit the [Fall Virtual Conference page](#) on the AFCC website for more information.

Please direct any questions to Patrick Sommer, AFCC Communications Coordinator, at psommer@afccnet.org or 608-664-3750.

AFCC strives to accept proposals from as many presenters as possible and to limit the number of presentations to one per person. While this is not always possible, submission of multiple proposals with different co-presenters may result in the rejection of one of the proposals, and therefore those co-presenters. Notification regarding the status of your proposal will be sent by **mid-June 2023**.