

## 2019 Champions for Young Children Call for Proposals

Date: August 2, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Location: R2i2 (763 Fashion Dr. Columbia, SC 29229)

We are requesting proposals for breakout session presentations for the 2019 Champions for Young Children Symposium. We are asking presenters to prepare a 1.5-hour session that could potentially be repeated one time. We are confident that you will be able to contribute to the quality of information shared with participants. Registration fees for the conference will be waived for the lead presenter and one co-presenter. All proposals should be submitted online using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChampionsProposals2019>

**Please note: You will not be able to save and return to your proposal submission so be prepared to complete your submission when you click the link.**

Proposals are due **March 1, 2019**

Purpose: The Champions for Young Children Symposium aims to provide a rich professional development experience around a specific theme for participants and to offer an opportunity for professionals from multiple facets of early childhood education and parents to access information and network (e.g., mental health, Head Start, pre-K (public and private), early intervention, home visitation, child care, early childhood education, early childhood special education).

2019 Theme: Meaningful Family Engagement Using the Protective Factors Framework

Goals for the 2019 Symposium:

- To inspire and empower participants to understand their role related to meaningful family engagement using the protective factors framework.
- To provide symposium participants with evidence-based family engagement strategies to promote the protective factors.
- To provide a platform for practitioners from multiple early childhood sectors to network.

Goals for 1.5-hour breakout session presentations:

- Presenters will share evidence-based family engagement strategies that can be used in the home and/or classroom environments to promote the five protective factors.
- The presentation method should foster active participation and engagement from those in attendance.
- Participants will leave each breakout session with a thorough understanding of the strategies presented and the confidence to implement the strategy or strategies with young children and their families.

Click to learn more: [Protective Factors Framework](#)

Proposals should include the following elements:

- Contact information for presenters and co-presenters.
- A bio for each presenter (100-word limit per bio)
- Session title
- An abstract that will be published in the program (75-word limit)
- Description of the session (500-word limit) to include:
  - Description of the strategies and practices to be discussed
  - Strong proposals will include references to the evidence-base supporting the strategies and practices
  - Modes of instruction that describe how the presenter will engage the participants (e.g., lecture, small/large group discussions, etc.)
- 2-3 learning objectives for the session (200-word limit)
- Identify the Protective Factor(s) to be targeted
  - Parental resilience
  - Social connections
  - Knowledge of parenting and child development
  - Concrete supports in times of need
  - Social and emotional competence of children
- Presenters will be asked to indicate the setting for which the strategies will be most effective (i.e., early care and education setting, home visiting program, family-to-family support).