



2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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THROUGH *Innovation*  
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**Call for Workshop  
Proposals**  
Deadline: Oct. 10, 2014

Crystal Gateway Marriott • 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway • Arlington, VA

The foundation and framework for Excellence in Child Welfare is achieving the vision that all children will grow up safely, in loving families and supportive communities, with everything they need to flourish—and with connections to their culture, ethnicity, race, language, and sexual identity.

The CWLA 2015 National Conference will engage stakeholders and partners whose efforts, contributions, and standards improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. We welcome and encourage workshop presentations on key practice challenges and policy and finance reforms currently affecting the field from individuals and organizations, family- and child-serving systems, consumers and community leaders, and others who effectively serve children and families who are vulnerable.

We are particularly interested in presentations that provide innovative strategies for addressing issues and concerns that will advance the quality of child welfare services. We are also interested in workshop proposals that showcase those policies, programs, practices, research, and collaborations that are aligned with one or more of the Core Principles of the CWLA *National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare* — [www.cwla.org/national-blueprint](http://www.cwla.org/national-blueprint).

## TOPICAL AREAS:

### 1. Promising Practices, Programs and Strategies:

Core Child Welfare Services and Programs; Immigrant Children and Families; Military Families; Children of Incarcerated Parents; Internationally Focused Programs and Services; Tribal Communities; Residential Transformation and Reform; Trauma-Informed Practice, Educational Outcomes for Youth in Care

### 2. Effective Engagement, Partnership and

**Collaboration:** Systems and Cross-Systems; Community; Parents and Relatives; Public and Private Organizations and Agencies; International

### 3. Challenges and Opportunities Related to Safety and Prevention of Child Maltreatment:

Building Services and Supports for Families; Improving Outcomes for Children and Families Affected by Substance Use and Abuse; Child Safety; Impact of Community Violence

### 4. Innovations in Leadership, Workforce Development, & Quality Improvement:

Addressing Secondary Traumatic Stress or Compassion Fatigue for all who Serve and Support Children and Families; Effective Strategies for Staff Support; Staff Development through Trainings and Educational Opportunities; Building Leadership Capacity within the Organization; Supervision

### 5. Evidence-Based Practice and Research:

Application of Evidence-Based Practice to Program Design and Service Delivery; Identification, Interpretation, and Effective Use of Research; Strategies and Methods for Effective Program and Service Evaluation; Administrative Data Collection and Analysis

*Proposals must include a workshop/presentation description, abstract of the workshop, and a brief biographical summary of each presenter. Please submit proposals by midnight on October 10, 2014. More criteria and detailed information about submissions can be found online at [www.cwla.org/2015NationalConference](http://www.cwla.org/2015NationalConference). For questions or assistance, please contact [2015NationalConference@cwla.org](mailto:2015NationalConference@cwla.org).*



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