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Call for Proposals

Deadline: August 11, 2017



2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Advancing Excellence
in Practice & Policy:**

Building Resilience in Changing Times

April 26–29, 2018 • Washington, DC

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill

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CWLA 2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CWLA is pleased to announce that we are accepting proposal submissions for our 2018 National Conference, *Advancing Excellence in Practice & Policy: Building Resilience in Changing Times*. This conference will highlight how organizations are advancing excellence in child and family services in changing times and working toward creating the next century of service. We seek proposals that feature evidence-informed/evidence-based programs and practices and their related policies and tools that lead to the successful implementation of the CWLA *National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare*. See the following link: www.cwla.org/our-work/cwla-standards-of-excellence/national-blueprint-for-excellence-in-child-welfare/.



For the 2018 National Conference, we want to build on learning, examine how organizations are responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by the priorities of the federal administration, and lay the groundwork for transitioning to CWLA's second century of service in 2020. We would like to see proposals that demonstrate the resiliency in organizations, families, and communities in response to changing times.

Proposals should detail the ways that organizations in the United States and globally are responding to changes in funding, policies, and client needs through advocacy, community organizing, and service change. Presentations that show collaborative working relationships and partnerships within or across systems or with youth, families, and communities are especially welcome.

The presentation topic areas are organized within the context of the *National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare*. Emerging issues that fall within these topical areas are of special interest.

Presentation Topic Areas

- Shared Responsibility and Leadership
- Engagement and Participation
- Supports and Services
- Quality Improvement
- Workforce
- Race, Ethnicity, and Culture
- Funding and Resources
- Advocacy

The 2018 conference will provide a variety of learning options for conference attendees. This includes traditional 90-minute workshops, 60-minute learning labs, 30-minute poster sessions, and 3-hour super sessions. The learning labs are designed to share something very specific and should include no more than two presenters. Poster sessions are designed for an overview presentation by one presenter. Please indicate whether you are proposing a super session, workshop, learning lab, or poster session. Workshop proposals will not be combined into super sessions.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, August 11, 2017.

For more criteria and detailed information about proposal submissions, please visit www.cwla.org/Resilience2018.

Please contact Resilience2018@cwla.org for assistance.

Early conference registration is available now at www.cwla.org/Resilience2018. Register now for the best conference rate!

Registration Fees

Early Full Conference Registration*: (ends Oct. 1)
CWLA Member – \$575 • Non-Member – \$650

*Groups of 5 or More Full Conference Registrations receive a 15% Discount.

One-Day Registration – \$325
Presenter Registration – \$425

PRIDE Strategies Exchange – Saturday, April 28
With Full Conference Registration – \$95
Without Full Conference Registration – \$215

CWLA members receive the best conference rates!
Please visit www.cwla.org/membership or contact MemberServices@cwla.org for assistance.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available at the conference.

Conference Location & Accommodations

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 737-1234
Room Rate: \$249/night



Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. You can reserve by phone at 1-888-421-1442 or online at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/CWLA218>. Room availability and special rates are guaranteed only until April 5, 2018, or until the space is filled.

The closest airport to the conference is Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). A map of the area, driving directions, and ground transportation options are available at <https://washingtondc.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>.

Sponsor and Vendor Opportunities

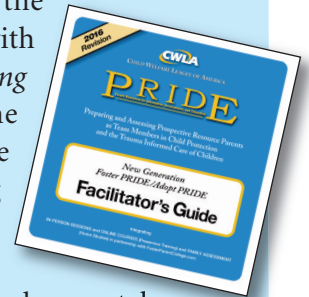
Join us as a CWLA National Conference Sponsor and Vendor to enjoy two full days with hundreds of the most influential experts and service providers for America's children, youth, and families. There's an opportunity for nearly every vendor and budget.

Sponsorship, exhibiting, and advertisement opportunities are available.

Visit www.cwla.org/Resilience2018 for detailed information or contact us at Resilience2018@cwla.org.

PRIDE Strategies Exchange

The *PRIDE* Learning Collaborative will convene a *Strategies Exchange* on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The theme for the *Strategies Exchange* is consistent with the overall conference theme, *Building Resilience in Changing Times*. The focus will be on strategies that have proven to be successful in achieving the five competence categories of the *PRIDE Model of Practice*: protecting and nurturing children; meeting developmental needs and addressing delays; supporting children's relationships with birth families; connecting children to safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime; and working as a member of a professional team.



Representatives from *PRIDE* licensed agencies are cordially invited to submit proposals to share successful strategies for implementing the *PRIDE Model of Practice*. Presentations will be 30 minutes in length. Proposals should include achievements and challenges in the following areas:

- Implementing one or more of the 14 steps of the *PRIDE Model of Practice*. The steps include: aligning resource parent role descriptions with agency vision and mission; conducting community resource family needs assessments; developing and implementing agency resource family recruitment programs; responding to inquiries; conducting at-home consultations; integrating preservice training and family assessment; matching resource families with children in care; implementing the family development plan; teaming with resource parents to achieve safety, well-being, and permanence for children; supporting resource parents; providing in-service training for resource families; and ending agency relationships with resource parents.
- Building child welfare worker/resource parent training teams.
- Securing agency leadership support for implementing the *PRIDE Model of Practice*.

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Please visit www.cwla.org/Resilience2018 to access the online proposal submission.

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