

## **Virtual Conference Call for Proposals**

### **Strategies for Success: Laying the Foundation for Innovative Family Engagement and Child Find Activities**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 8:45 am to 4:30 pm**

**Location: Zoom**

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is accepting engaging and interactive workshop proposals for our upcoming virtual conference titled "Strategies for Success: Laying the Foundation for Innovative Family Engagement and Child Find Activities". The purpose of this conference is twofold:

1. to provide family engagement best practices and strategies to professionals who work with young children with disabilities and participate on Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) across the state
2. to provide best practices and strategies for effective Child Find activities in communities

Conference content will focus on higher level engagement of families with children who have disabilities and/or developmental concerns on advisory councils, focus groups, systems level work, etc. Breakout session time slots are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length. Please plan to include time for questions and evaluation in your workshop.

Workshop content ideas:

- Strategies for successful Child Find activities in communities
- Utilizing virtual meeting tools (Padlet, Jamboard, polls, breakout rooms, etc.)
- Family recruitment strategies
- Family retention and sustainable engagement strategies
- Continuous quality improvement: evaluating current group status and creating an improvement plan
- Barriers and solutions to successful family engagement
- Child Find activities to reach and engage underserved/under-reached populations
- Ensuring diversity on councils/committees (race, culture, ethnicity, gender, experience, geographic location, socioeconomic status)
- Training and leadership skill development for families
- Ensuring active and meaningful engagement
- Tips/strategies for leading effective and engaging meetings/guided discussion format

We would love to see proposals that include families as presenters and/or panelists!

Please fill out the form below and submit to Christy Moore at [Cmoore@ecacmail.org](mailto:Cmoore@ecacmail.org)

by July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Chosen applicants will be notified via email by August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Name of person submitting this proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop title

Presenter's names, titles and organizations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Would any presenters need accommodations?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to present your workshop session more than once during the conference?

Yes  No

Does your workshop include families of children with developmental concerns or disabilities as content contributors, presenters, panelists, etc.? If so, please describe.

Please list up to 4 measureable learning objectives for your workshop

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

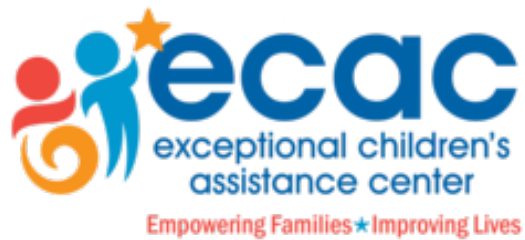
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a description of your proposed workshop:

Provide a short description for use in the conference brochure (100 words or less)

Thank you for your submission!

Please contact Christy Moore at [Cmoore@ecacmail.org](mailto:Cmoore@ecacmail.org) with questions. The submitter will be notified of proposal status by August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.



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