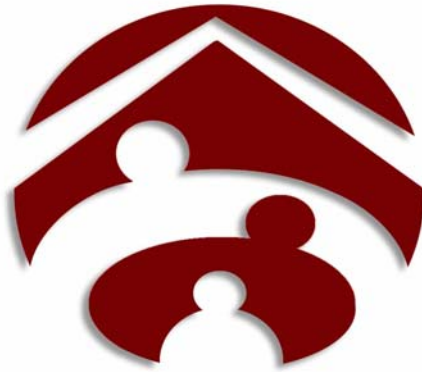


CALL FOR PAPERS



29th Annual MARFY Conference: “The Promise of Change in Child and Family Services”

WHEN: November 11th – 13th, 2009

WHERE: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel,
Ocean City, Maryland

MARFY's Special Events Committee invites the submission of workshop proposals for the 2009 Conference. You are invited to submit a proposal to present a workshop that focuses on a topic listed on the next page.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: July 27th, 2009

Dear Potential Workshop Presenter:

The Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY) is a membership association for providers of foster care in the state of Maryland. We work with our members to speak out for children and families and to improve their quality of care through advocacy, training, networking and a focus on best practices. Every year we host a three day conference for members and nonmembers alike to learn about emerging trends, best practices, and cutting edge innovations in child and family services.

We are inviting you to send in a proposal to present a workshop for our 29th Annual Conference. The conference will be held on November 11th – 13th, 2009 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. This year, our theme is “**The Promise of Change in Child and Family Services.**” We are looking forward to a conference full of exciting workshops that will respond directly to the changing climate and directions across the state, in child welfare, juvenile services, and children’s mental health.

Our Annual Conference is attended by hundreds of professionals in the field and we certainly hope that you will consider joining us this year. We have outlined the workshop topics that we are looking for and we hope that you will submit a proposal to present a workshop at this very important conference. Please remember that workshop submissions must be received in the MARFY office by July 27th, 2009. All applicants will be notified by August 10th, 2009 whether or not their workshop proposal was selected. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at 410-974-4901, ext. 4 or at vholt@marfy.org.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you in Ocean City in November!

Sincerely,



Virginia L. Holt
Director of Training and Special Events
MARFY

WORKSHOP FOCUS AREAS

MARFY's Special Events Committee is currently accepting workshop proposals for the 2009 Conference. We are interested in workshops in the following areas:

**workshop proposals in other focus areas that are not listed WILL be considered.*

Administrative Topics

⚙ Fiscal Management

- Fundraising
- Budget Development
- Levels of Intensity and the Impact on Rates
- Managing with Less

⚙ Recruitment and Retention

- Clinical Staff
- Direct Care Staff
- Impact of Certification

⚙ Organizational Viability

- Succession Planning
- Cultivating Executive Leadership
- Remaining Relevant as an Organization in a Changing Climate
- Implementation Planning for New COMAR Regulations
- Shifting Service Models to Meet New Needs
- Developing Better Partnerships

⚙ The Role of Community-Based Services

- Expanding Wrap-Around
- Implementing and Funding Family Preservation Initiatives
- Community-based Mental Health as a Group Care Alternative

Clinical and Direct Care Topics

⚙ Violence and Youth in Care

- Gang Awareness
- Addressing and Treating
 - Increased Violence Among Females
 - Violence Among the Very Young
 - Violence Against Adults by Youth

⚙ Gender Identification

- Prevalence in Out-of-Home Care
- Cultural Competence of Services
- How Much Do We Know? Realities, Stereotypes, and Myths
- Treating Aggression From and Towards LGBTQ Youth
- Legalities and Logistics in Accommodating LGBTQ Youth

WORKSHOP FOCUS AREAS

⚙ Behavior Management

- Restraint-Free Environments
- Documentation Requirements
- Managing De-Escalation
- Crisis Identification and Intervention

⚙ Best Practices

- Transition-Aged Youth
- Permanency
- Trauma-Informed Treatment
- Group Care
- Case-Management
- Treating Special Populations
- Ethics

⚙ e-Communication and Media

- Impact on Youth of e-Communication: mySpace.com, Facebook.com, Instant Messaging, Blogs, Email
- Implications of Online Communication
- Threats: Teaching Youth to Identify and Avoid e-Predators

MAIL WORKSHOP PROPOSALS TO:

**MARFY – Special Events Committee
1517 S. Ritchie Highway, Suite 102
Arnold, MD 21012**

Or fax to: 410-757-9530

Or go to <http://www.marfy.org/events.htm> to submit electronically.

Questions? Call 410-974-4901, ext. 4 or email marfy@marfy.org.

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Presentation Guidelines:

1. All proposals must be received by the July 27th, 2009 deadline
2. Workshop proposal form must be completed in full and signed by all presenters.
3. In the interest of allowing team members adequate time, presentation teams will not exceed (3) members.
4. It is the responsibility of the presenters to ensure that there are sufficient quantities of handouts for distribution.

Title of Workshop: _____

Session Summary (You must attach a 75-100 word workshop description as well as a short abstract (25 – 50 words) about your workshop. If your workshop is chosen, the abstract will be used in the conference brochure. The longer description is for the benefit of our Committee in making workshop selections. **Submissions without both a description AND an abstract will not be accepted.**)

Lead Presenter Name: _____

Lead Presenter Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Co-Presenter Name: _____

Co-Presenter Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Co-Presenter Name: _____

Co-Presenter Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Is there any limit on the number of participants? Yes (no more than: _____) No

What time slot would best fit your proposal? 1½ hours 2 hours

Please indicate the intended audience for your workshop (check all applicable options):

Administrator Direct Care Staff Clinical Staff Other: _____

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

AUDIO-VISUAL REQUEST

(We can provide the following AV items, please check all of the items you will need):

*** We are unable to provide LCD projectors ***

- Overhead Projector Flip Chart VHS Video None

AGREEMENT:

In submitting this proposal, I/we understand that any expenses associated with the conference are the responsibility of the presenter(s). The Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY) is only offering a reduced conference registration fee to presenters – no speaker's fee arrangements will be made. If approved, I/we agree to present on the assigned date(s) and time(s) during the conference, November 11th – 13th, 2009. All applicants will receive notification by August 10th, 2009.

Printed Name & Signature of Lead Presenter

Date

Printed Name & Signature of Co-Presenter

Date

Printed Name & Signature of Co-Presenter

Date

(Abstract and Description must be attached OR emailed to marfy@marfy.org in order for application to be accepted)

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