

# Call for presentations

## Building on Family Strengths Conference: Research and Services in Support of Children and Their Families

This year's conference will feature the latest developments in two exciting areas:

- *Youth empowerment and participation in designing, delivering, and evaluating services, supports, and systems*
- *Wraparound: practice, supervision, fidelity measurement, outcome studies, system support, and more*

And, as always, the conference will include presentations on recent developments and innovations in the fields of family support and children's mental health.

Submission deadline: Must be received by **January 30, 2009**



Portland, Oregon  
June 23-25, 2009



Center for Mental Health Services,  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, United States Department of Education

### Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Youth- and family-driven services and supports
- Peer-to-peer supports and services
- Service and system strategies that empower youth
- Youth leadership and collaboration in research and evaluation
- Building systems, services, and supports that reflect the wraparound philosophy
- Lessons learned in education, special education, child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, and integrated/wraparound
- Using research and evaluation for program and system change

### We encourage proposals that reflect our conference themes and:

- Feature youth and/or family members in lead roles as presenters
- Focus on use of positive strategies and practices
- Show respect for youth and their families
- Present evidence or other rationale supporting the effectiveness or usefulness of a program, policy, or approach
- Have a strong theoretical framework
- Are accessible to an audience of youth, family members, researchers, professionals, policy-makers, and advocates

We also welcome proposals that are presented in Spanish.

### Selection of proposals

Proposals will be evaluated by RTC staff, family members, and youth, using criteria relevant to conference themes, accessibility to a mixed audience, clarity of the proposal itself, and quality of research methods and findings. More specifically, proposals will be evaluated on:

- Their relevance to families whose children have emotional or behavioral disorders, or to youth with such disorders
- The novelty and/or innovativeness of the approach
- The presence of a strong, conceptual framework/theoretical rationale and/or a clearly defined research/evaluation component
- The inclusion of families and youth in the design, implementation, or evaluation of the activities described in the proposal

*Submit your proposal online at  
[www.rtc.pdx.edu](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu)  
by January 30, 2009*

Sorry, faxed proposals will not be accepted.

### Types of sessions:

- PAPER presentation (45 minutes)
- SYMPOSIUM/PANEL presentation (90 minutes); integrated perspectives on a single topic or several elements of a research project
- POSTER session (Informal discussion of your visual display on poster board)

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