

The Time Is Now **Please Respond Prior to May 30, 2020** The Time Is Now



2020 CORE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 13 - 15, 2020

Hosted by Mooseheart Child City & School
Mooseheart, Ill

2020 Conference Theme: EMPOWER – Get Connected

*Deadline for Submission of Conference Proposal: **May 30, 2020***

*Length of Workshops: **One hour and thirty minutes | Three Hours***

Forward Thinking – Best Practice – Outcome Focused – Effective

Suggested Topics Include, but are not limited to :

Story Branding – Donor Acquisition and Fund Raising – Orchestrating Legislative Change – **Ethics** – **Tracking Outcomes** – **Independent Living** – **Attachment** – Sensory Integration – Thrift Stores -Are They Worth The Investment – **Innovation and Thinking Outside the Box** – **Working with Boards and Selection of Board Members** – **The Use of Volunteers** – **Supporting a Normalized Home Environment for Children** – Drug Use and Misuse – Promoting Best Practice in a FFPSA Environment – **Continuous Quality Improvement Processes** – **Using Alumni To Share The Agency's Story and Impact** **Legislative Change** -**Promoting Educational Excellence** –

Keeping Children Safe – The Use of Volunteers In Enrichment Activities for Children – Cottage Parent Recruitment, Training and Retention, Trauma Informed Care Issues – An Executive Leadership Track

All Workshop proposals must be electronically submitted for consideration by May 30, 2020. The following is a link for the Presenter Information Template:

- [Click Here to Download Presenter Template](#)

L E G I S L A T I O N

Issues regarding prevention, treatment and management of the Coronavirus pandemic along with economic support to supplement state unemployment compensation for out-of-work Americans has been a Legislative focus over the past month. A summary of the The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act can be found at <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/issue-brief/the-coronavirus-aid-relief-and-economic-security-act-summary-of-key-health-provisions/>



Families First Transition Services Act Grant Distributions

State agencies should have returned applications to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for Families First Transition Grants by April 30, 2020. Hopefully agencies anticipating accessing ACF grant resources will soon have opportunity to respond to their State's requests for proposals.

Child Protection Issues

Several states are reporting a reduction in child abuse hotline reports. It stands to reason that stay-in-place orders and the closure of schools since spring break have removed children from the protective watchful eyes of others. In addition, with the

dramatic numbers of families now out of work, the stress associated to “not enough” will undoubtedly be the catalyst for short tempers and abusive treatment.

As the days turn into weeks and the weeks turn into months, COVID-19 may pose many forms of threat to individuals. I anticipate that inquires regarding a myriad of services may be forthcoming from families in crisis.

On behalf of the Coalition of Residential Excellence, let me express gratitude for the compassion, professionalism and commitment you demonstrate in meeting the needs of children and families from hard places.

Impact of COVID-19 on CORE member agencies

I am pleased to report that safety plans intended to minimize risks for children in care to potential exposure to the Coronavirus seem to be working. None of the CORE member agencies I’ve talked with this month have had either children or staff on their campus impacted by the illness. Early on, most agencies restricted non-residents from coming on the campus. Children going home for spring break either have not yet returned to campus or they were filtered through quarantine cottages away from others for a two week period prior to returning to their regular assigned cottage.

CORE Membership Expansion

Please consider recommending membership in the Coalition of Residential Excellence to colleagues in your state who are providing services to children. Membership in the Coalition of Residential Excellence is one way agencies participate in forging a united voice on matters shaping the future of residential childcare. The downside to the Coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the globe is not only loss of lives, but forfeiture of resources to equip folks to get basic needs met. With the escalation of stress in families, I anticipate we will

see a dramatic increase in the numbers of children and families from hard places that need support.