



November 18-20, 2024
Sonesta Nashville Airport
600 Marriott Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

Call for Session Proposals

Proposal submission deadline: Sunday, June 16, 2024

You are invited to submit a session proposal for the 2024 Connecting for Children's Justice Conference. As we come together as a group of professionals who work with child abuse victims and their families, we need people to share their expertise and passion. Sessions will include a diverse range of topics for both seasoned and beginning professionals.

If you are interested in presenting at the 2024 CCJ, please fill out this form: [Session Proposal](#). The session proposal form was linked in the email sent to you, as well. Also, if you have any recommendations for session speakers, we would love to hear from you.

Please note that you will need to create a profile for the submission. As part of the submission, you will need to upload your CV and the CVs of any co-presenters. If you are selected to present, you will have to upload a headshot of the presenter and any co-presenter, as well as session materials.

Materials are often requested by those attending sessions. We ask that you provide a pdf handout and/or PowerPoint to be shared with attendees. It does not have to be an exact replica of your

presentation but does need to relate to your session. If you have questions or concerns regarding providing materials, please contact us at cciconference@tncac.org so that we can address them. **Your session materials must be submitted by Monday, October 14, 2024.**

Session proposals will not be accepted without all requested documents.

It is important that we receive all information requested, as certain sessions will count as continuing education credits. We need all documentation to get those sessions approved for CEs.

Session Proposal Form

Please be prepared to provide the following information when filling out the [Session Proposal](#) form:

Presenter / Co-presenter

- Contact information
- Relevant degrees
- Certifications/licenses
- Biography (150 words or less preferably)

Session Proposal

- Title
- Three learning objectives
- Summary of proposed session (be specific)
- Three bibliographic references for the session
- What CE the session could qualify for:
 - CLE
 - NASW
 - NBCC
 - POST
- Which focus area the session would best fit:
 - Human Trafficking
 - Leadership
 - Law / Forensic Interview
 - MDT (Multidisciplinary Team) / CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)
 - Mental Health
 - Victim Advocacy / Case Management
- Target audience of session
- Length of session
- Topics

Please note that while this is not an official focus area, we are also looking for sessions that would be good for Foundations of Child Protective Services. These sessions should be beneficial to people new to the world of child protection, as well as refreshers for seasoned professionals.

Document Submission

Remember to submit the following:

For each presenter / co-presenter

- CV / resume
- Headshot (after proposal acceptance)

For each session proposal:

- pdf of session materials (after proposal acceptance)

Possible Session Topics

- Advocacy
- Case management
- Case studies
- Child hearsay and similar fact evidence for the non-lawyer
- Children who are victims of family violence
- Collaboration with FBI / Homeland Security
- Cultural competency
- Cyber bullying
- DEI
- Ethics
- Forensic Interviewing
- Fundraising
- Grant management
- Human trafficking
- Infant mental health
- Innovative technologies in the investigation process
- Legal liabilities
- Medical
- Mental health therapy
- Multidisciplinary teams
- Non-profit leadership
- Physical abuse
- Responding to community / school shootings or community violence
- Responding to other community crises
- Therapy modalities (ex.: art, play)
- Training for prosecuting attorneys
- Vicarious trauma and stress management for CAC staff and MDT partners
- Other topics related to this field

Travel Information

- **Airfare** – Presenters will be reimbursed at the lowest cost non-refundable roundtrip coach ticket between your point of origin and Nashville, up to \$500. (Only if travel by car is more than 4 hours)
- **Ground transportation** – There is a free shuttle to and from the airport to the Sonesta Nashville Airport hotel.
- **Mileage** – If you are traveling more than 50 miles one way to the conference, we will reimburse mileage. The current 2024 mileage reimbursement is \$0.67/mile.
- **Lodging** – One night of hotel accommodation is provided if your drive to the conference is more than 100 miles round trip. The provided hotel night will be determined by your session time.
- **Meals** – Presenters are responsible for all meals not provided during the conference hours.

Reimbursements

If your session is selected for this year's conference, you will receive an expense report. Reimbursement will not be provided without submitting the expense report with the proper receipts. Reimbursement requests must be submitted no later than 45 days after the end of the conference. A W-9 will be required when receiving an honorarium.

Day of Expectations

Presenters must check in at the conference registration desk. Staff will be available to answer any questions and to help with any issues that may arise.

Presenters will bring their own laptop and mouse for session presentations.

Presenters will be present in their session room at least 10 minutes before the beginning of their presentation.

Presenters will utilize the entirety of their session time for their presentation. Presenters requesting an honorarium who do not present for their entire session time may not be compensated.

Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – Completed [Session Proposal](#) form due

Thursday, July 25, 2024 – Session approval emails and contracts sent out to approved session applicants

Monday, October 14, 2024 – All session materials for attendees due

Monday, November 18, 2024 – First day of CCJ 2024

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the CACTN team at ccjconference@tncac.org.