

# CALL *for* PRESENTERS

## AFCC-CA Annual Conference:

February 22-24, 2019  
Westin South Coast Plaza  
Costa Mesa, California

## WHEN CIVILITY BREAKS DOWN:

### Consequences and Solutions for Families and Professionals

The breakdown of civility has significant consequences for our relationships. Conflict resolution frequently stalls, because a lack of civility negatively impacts our ability to discuss and resolve problems. How do we reverse this trend and create a more effective approach to communicating with each other and among ourselves? This is important not only for the families we encounter in our practices and courts, but also impacts the work we do as mental health professionals, lawyers, bench officers, mediators, and court administrators. An understanding of the complex stressors faced by families, children, and custody professionals will create a basis for more thoughtful and effective interactions.

The annual AFCC California Chapter Conference provides an opportunity for us to learn from an impressive array of mental health and legal professionals, including many nationally known academics, researchers, and innovators. The 2019 Conference will explore the causes of the breakdown of civility and seek solutions for the families in crisis as a result of the break-up of a marriage, custody disputes, domestic violence and similar problems. Our annual conferences are well known as a premier forum for professionals from different disciplines to meet, share ideas and ask questions that push us forward in our interdisciplinary efforts.

To this end, AFCC California requests your proposals for 90 minute, 120 minute and 4 hour interdisciplinary presentations. We look forward to your new ideas, fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to complex family problems. Programs that are interactive, encourage participation by attendees and include a diversity of presenters are strongly encouraged.



*Deadline for proposals is July 31, 2018 – See reverse side for a list of possible topics and instructions for submitting proposals.*





Submit proposals electronically by July 31, 2018  
to Merry Gladchun, Chapter Administrator  
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**TOPICS MAY INCLUDE,  
BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Modeling Civil Behavior for Children: What Children Learn from Parental Disputes, Good and Bad
- Civility in the Courtroom: What Judges Expect To See From Attorneys and Litigants
- Civility: Cross-Cultural Aspects – Is There a Universal Standard?
- Dispute Resolution: What Does A Civil Process Look Like?
- Basic Civility: What Can The Law Actually Require?
- Attorneys, Mental Health Professionals and Civility: A Frank Discussion
- Civility and Trial Practice
- When Necessary Truths Are Hurtful: Tips for Compassionate But Honest Communication
- Helping Your Client Manage Their Stress
- Pro Pers and the Family Law Process: How They Interpret Our Actions

Workshops can be either 90 or 120 minutes; Institutes are 4 hours.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Further, unless specifically invited by the conference planning committee, submission of multiple proposals by the same person(s) is discouraged. If you are submitting multiple proposals, please inform the other potential presenters with whom you are submitting proposals that you are doing so because it may result in one of such proposals not being considered or selected.*

**To be considered, all proposals must include all of the following information:**

1. Title, presenters, and preferred length of presentation, e.g., Workshop (90 or 120 minutes); Institute (4 hours);
2. An abstract of 150 words or less describing your proposed Workshop or Institute;
3. A one-page outline of your proposed session;
4. Three (3) learning objectives stated in behavioral terms (\*see below);
5. A 100-word biography and a full resume/CV for each presenter (these documents must be separate, not combined);
6. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address for each presenter. You must identify which presenter will be the “coordinator” for your presentation. No more than four (4) presenters for any program); and,
7. Two (2) professional references.

\* Go to <http://www.afcc-ca.org/pdfs/AFCC-CA-How-to-Write-Learning-Objectives-pdf> for instructions on writing learning objectives in behavioral terms.

