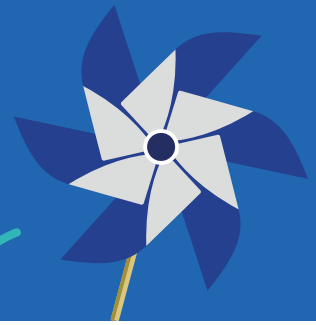


Strengthening Families Summit

Proposal Guidelines



Process Overview

The New Hampshire Children's Trust uses a two-tier review process for all proposals submitted to the Strengthening Families Summit. In the first tier, NHCT staff review and rate proposals based on criteria such as alignment with best practices in family support and child abuse prevention, relevance to attendees' learning needs and interests, the innovativeness of the session content, and the lived and learned experiences of the presenters. In the second tier, selected proposals are reviewed by the NHCT Executive Director and members of the Board for final approval, ensuring that all sessions offer high-quality, engaging, and impactful content that supports and strengthens families and communities across New Hampshire.

Application Guidelines

All presentation proposals must be submitted using the online [Call for Proposal Form](#).

Please use one proposal per topic, Presenters can submit more than one proposal.

All presenters must submit a one-paragraph bio and headshot photo.

All presenters must submit a brief bibliography/reference list (minimum of three references) used to inform their session. Use of presentation time to sell or market products is prohibited.

Consideration Criteria for Proposals

Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the session content supports the development and strengthening of one or more of the following protective factors:

1. **Parental Resilience:** Strategies that help caregivers manage stress and function well when faced with challenges, adversity, and trauma.
2. **Social Connections:** Approaches that foster positive relationships providing emotional, informational, instrumental, and spiritual support.
3. **Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development:** Content that enhances understanding of child development and parenting strategies that support physical, cognitive, language, social, and emotional development.
4. **Concrete Support in Times of Need:** Information on accessing services and supports that address a family's needs and help minimize stress caused by challenges.
5. **Social and Emotional Competence of Children:** Practices that help children develop the ability to communicate clearly, recognize and regulate their emotions, and establish and maintain relationships.

Session Details

All sessions are 90 minutes and will have a room host to help facilitate.

All sessions are 90 minutes and can be presented in one of the following formats:

- Workshop (hands-on experience, skills, or application of knowledge)
- Seminar (discussion of issues, ideas, theories, and relevant policy)
- Research Forum (presentation of studies or review of literature)
- Panel (topic-focused presentation followed by a panel discussion sharing diverse experiences)

If you have any questions please email programs@nhchildrenstrust.org