

NHCT's Strengthening Families Summit 2025 Call for Proposals Submission Guidelines

The New Hampshire Children's Trust is excited to announce that we are seeking presentations for the *13th Annual Strengthening Families Summit* being held on **Wednesday October 29, 2025** at the **Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH**. Sessions are 90 minutes long and you may submit more than one presentation proposal.

The 13th Annual Strengthening Families Summit is a dynamic gathering focused on building resilient communities where children are safe, families are strong, and everyone thrives. This event will explore the key elements that help families flourish, emphasizing the importance of supportive relationships, community engagement, and environments that promote child and family well-being. By strengthening families, we lay the groundwork for resilient, connected communities where everyone can thrive. The Summit will convene parent leaders, service providers, community members, and advocates from across the state who are dedicated to strengthening families and supporting child well-being. Attendees will take part in interactive learning and cross-sector conversations designed to spark collaboration and inspire new strategies. Participants will leave with practical tools and ideas that can be used to strengthen families and support prevention efforts in local NH communities.

Summit Objectives

- Explore the elements of a resilient community that support the development of strong families and safe, thriving children.
- Identify key community and cross-sector partnership opportunities to develop strategies and approaches to cultivate supportive environments for children and families.
- Foster collaborative learning opportunities for attendees to share knowledge and experiences related to Strengthening Families Protective Factors.
- Provide attendees with tangible strategies for promoting the Protective Factors and primary prevention strategies in their respective roles and communities.

Proposed presentations should fulfill at least 1 of the Summit Objectives above

To apply to present at this year's **Strengthening Families Summit**, please fill out the <u>Call for Proposal</u> <u>Form</u> using the link below. The deadline to apply is **Friday August 1, 2025**.

All applicants will be notified no later than **August 22, 2025**, whether or not they have been selected to present.

** Start Your Call for Proposal Today! **

For questions about the conference or technical assistance completing the <u>Call for Proposals Form</u>, please contact <u>programs@nhchildrenstrust.org</u>.

Important Information

- All presentation proposals must be submitted using the online <u>Call for Proposals Form</u>.
 - o Please submit one application per topic.
 - o Presenters can submit more than one application.
 - The lead presenter must coordinate all materials and forms under one application with the co-presenter.
- Open call for proposals: Thursday June 26, 2025
- **Deadline to submit a proposal:** Friday August 1, 2025
- Notification of decision: Friday August 22, 2025 (notifications will be sent to all submitting groups)

As a nonprofit, speakers are not paid, but all presenters and co-presenters will receive complimentary conference registration to the **Strengthening Families Summit** (a \$125 value). Presenters will enjoy opportunities to connect with an engaged audience of professionals and network with fellow presenters, sponsors, and partners.

Once selected, all presenters will be asked to register for the conference for reporting and attendance purposes. Following proposal selection, presenters will be required to complete a Presenter Agreement form which will include accommodations, AV needs, and general presenter expectations.

Considerations & Guidelines

Conference Schedule

This year's **Strengthening Families Summit** is a single-day in-person conference that will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

- All breakout sessions are 90 minutes.
- All presenters are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their session.
- Presenters will be required to provide a final version of their presentation two weeks prior to the Summit.

Session Content Level

We are interested in proposals representing various levels of experience and skill, ranging from introductory- to advanced-level practice, which will increase family support staff's knowledge and skills to strengthen and support families.

- Introductory (essential information for individuals new to the subject or field)
- **Intermediate** (skill-building content for mid-level staff with a strong understanding of the topic)
- Advanced (expert knowledge for seasoned staff who want to deepen their skills or leadership competence)

Proposal Form

You will need to provide the following information in the proposal form. All information is required.

- Primary Contact Information
- Preliminary Questions
 - Field of expertise
 - Years of experience (1-2, 3-5, 5+)
 - Provide a list of at least three (3) trainings, conferences, or events that you have presented at in the past five years. Please provide the years and titles of the events and presentations.
 - o Confirm 2025 Call for Proposal Submission Guidelines have been read
- Presenter Information collected for both Presenter and Co-Presenter if applicable
 - o Name, Credentials, Position, Organization, Contact Information
 - o Presenter Bio (500-700 characters)
 - Co-presenter information (if co-presenting)
- Session Information
 - Proposed session title
 - Proposed session description (350-600 characters)
 - o Three (3) Learning Objectives (How to write effective learning objectives)
 - Which Strengthening Families Framework Core Competencies does your presentation address? Select all that apply.
 - Audience learning level (multiple choice)
 - Target audience type (multiple choice)
 - o Target audience field of work (multiple choice)
 - Key references cited (provide at least 3)
- CEU Information NHCT will be applying for various Continuing Education Units (CEU) for attendee professional development. Please provide the following information required for CEU applications.
 - Highest academic degree attained
 - o Year attained
 - o Current position and location
 - Relevant experience
- Attachments to Upload
 - o CV/Resume
 - o Headshot