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2022 National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being

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2022 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS DUE: March 31, 2022

Overview

The [National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being](#), presented by Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK), will organize and empower invested individuals to implement sustainable solutions for children's health. The intended audience of this convening includes district leaders and staff, educators and school staff, parents/caregivers, community members, and state leaders.

AFHK invites individuals and groups to submit proposals for breakout sessions during the inaugural National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being.

As a result of participating in these sessions, attendees will be able to:

1. **Maximize** the roles of educators, parents/caregivers, and communities for family-school partnerships to advance whole child health and well-being.
2. **Implement** sustainable policies and best practices for healthy eating, physical activity, and social-emotional health.
3. **Apply** diversity, equity and inclusion best practices to inform and advance health and educational equity.
4. **Identify** solutions to real-world challenges for successful family-school partnerships and child health and well-being.

We seek a diverse group of presenters including education leaders and staff, subject-matter experts, parents/caregivers, youth, and community stakeholders. We welcome the unique perspectives developed and knowledge obtained from representatives of marginalized and/or underserved communities.

AFHK is committed to seeking and embracing diversity, actively pursuing equity, and fostering a robust environment. We value inclusion across multiple and intersectional identifiers, including but not limited to: race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, disability status, and age. Diverse life experiences and heritages are a reality of our world, and we strive to uplift varying voices. Action for Healthy Kids requires all presenters to review and follow our [diversity, equity, and inclusion agreement](#).

Timeline

- A completed proposal must be submitted electronically via [this link](#) and received by 11:59PM ET on March 31, 2022. Any submissions received after this date will be held and considered for vacancies should they arise. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee selection.
- The selection committee will review all proposals submitted. Notification of acceptance will be communicated on or before April 20, 2022.
- Accepted presenters are asked to confirm their attendance by May 10, 2022. **Presenters are expected to cover costs associated with registration, travel and accommodations.**

Session Strands

All sessions will showcase excellent examples of replicable evidence-based or promising tools, techniques, and best practices to advance health and educational equity in support of the whole child.

AFHK is interested in sessions that will guide systemic change in communities across the country, particularly supporting marginalized and vulnerable student

To learn more about the National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being, visit:

<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/event/afhk-2022-real-talk-real-solutions-conference>

populations (e.g., black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA+, youth with special needs, etc.). We will give special consideration to applications that address issues impacting these populations.

Each proposal must speak to one or more of the following session strands. AFHK will ask you to identify **one** session strand that best aligns with your proposal submission. Learn more about each session strand [here](#).

Note: While health and educational equity is one of the five session strands, AFHK expects all proposals to include an element of health and educational equity regardless of the primary session strand selected.

- School District Policies and Systems
- Healthy School Environments
- Family Engagement
- Health and Educational Equity
- COVID-19 Related Issues and Opportunities

AFHK encourages you to present your topic as a real-world story of success and/or lessons learned that can help others. What was the need, situation, or opportunity that presented itself and what approach, strategies, resources, or tools were used to address it? In short, what was the challenge and solution?

Proposal Guidelines

All proposals must include the following:

Lead Presenter

All sessions with multiple presenters must have one lead presenter. All AFHK communications will be directed to the contact information noted for the lead presenter.

- **Lead Presenter Bio** (750 characters)
Presenter bio(s) should be concise and include highlights on the presenter's educational background, experience, and expertise.

Session Strand

The primary focus of the information/topic being discussed aligns with one session strand:

- School District Policies and Systems
- Healthy School Environments
- Family Engagement
- Health and Educational Equity
- COVID-19 Related Issues and Opportunities

Session Title (75 characters)

Session titles should be compelling and describe the session's content in a way that would gain readers' interest and clearly communicate the topic or focus.

Session Description (1,250 characters)

Descriptions should clearly and accurately convey the content of the presentation and speak to the challenge(s) it aims to address. Excellent session descriptions will also integrate health and education inequities and be grounded in best practice, evidenced- based programs or promising approaches.

Health and Educational Equity (500 characters)

This section should outline specifically how your session addresses health and/or educational inequities.

Session Objectives (500 characters)

This is a working conference and we expect our attendees to leave with specific actions they can take in their community. Objectives should demonstrate a behavior, skill, or action a learner can do after participating in a session. Objectives should clearly identify what participants will be able to do, communicate, or better understand after a session.

Presentation Methods (500 characters)

Presentation methods should outline the strategies or tools that a session will use to hold the attention of and engage diverse learners. We would like to make these sessions as interactive as possible and engage diverse types of learners. Excellent proposals will integrate varied presentation engagement methods that address visual, auditory, and kinesthetic/tactile learners. (See [this document](#) for suggestions on ways to engage various types of learners).

Target Audience(s)

Target audience is for whom a session is primarily intended. This conference is intended primarily for:

- District leaders/staff
- Educators/school staff
- Parents/caregivers
- Community members
- State leaders
- Individuals who educate and influence the above audiences

Submit your proposal online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AFHKConf>

Paper submissions will not be accepted.