The 26th Annual Children's Mental Health Research & Policy Conference

Proposal Submissions deadline extended to November 12, 2012

Hyatt Regency, Tampa, Florida

March 3-6, 2013

Be a Part of the Dialogue!

This is your opportunity to submit a proposal to be a part of the national dialogue about cutting edge research and policy in children's mental health.

The Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference provides a forum where participants will:

- Learn, inform, network and discuss issues related to research, policy, and practice in children's mental health
- Discuss children's mental health from a systems and community perspective
- Engage in spirited and cutting edge discussions about new research and policy ideas that are individual community based, culturally/linguistically competent, family-driven, and youth-guided



Call for Papers

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit proposal applications for research topics benefiting children, youth and their families, policy and practice.

- Research on system and organizational level structures and processes that impact effectiveness
- Research within and across systems, policy and practice
- Research regarding family, youth, and young adult roles in behavioral health services
- Linking primary care and behavioral health
- Community-based approaches to reducing behavioral health disparities
- Implementing evidence-based practices
- Translational/Implementation Science

- Integration of policy and practice across sectors (such as health/behavioral health, child welfare, and schools and juvenile justice)
- Innovative approaches to research, evaluation and performance measurement in complex settings
- Early childhood behavioral health
- Substance abuse and dual diagnosis treatment among youth and young adults
- Community-based participatory research with diverse populations
- Innovative approaches for older youth and young adults

Special interest topics this year include:

- Policy Change
- Health Reform
- Payment models and new opportunities for child behavioral health with Affordable Care Act
- Best practices in engagement and enrollment strategies for expanded health insurance opportunities (expanded Medicaid/state health insurance exchanges) for uninsured, diverse racial ethnic populations
- Role of behavioral health providers in health homes – and how this is connected with the system of care approach
- Behavioral Health prevention strategies that can be implemented and evaluated at state and local levels
- Psychotropic medication of children as it relates to behavioral health, child welfare, primary care, and schools
- Accountability and outcome tracking in Child Welfare
- Diverting youth from juvenile justice

