



2017 Annual Conference & Expo • March 23-25 • Ontario, CA
“Soaring to New Heights: Partnerships for an Expanded Education Community for All”

Questions Frequently Asked about the Call for Presentations Process

To assist you in preparing a proposal submission for the 2017 Annual Conference & Expo – here are responses to some of the frequently asked questions. Please read through the FAQs before entering the Call for Presentations online system to submit your proposal as many of your questions could be answered below.

What is the theme for the 2017 Annual Conference & Expo?

Soaring to New Heights: Partnerships for an Expanded Education Community for All

When is the deadline to submit a proposal?

Friday, August 19, 2016, by 5:00pm.

May I submit my proposals by fax or mail?

No, all proposals are accepted online only – [CAEYC 2017 Call for Presentations](#).

How many proposals may I submit for consideration?

Primary presenters may submit up to two (2) proposals. If more than two proposals are submitted, the first two proposals submitted based upon the automated date stamp from the system will be accepted for review. All additional proposals after the second proposal will be deleted.

How long will it take me to complete my submission online?

This depends on a variety of factors, such as the level of detail in your proposal. If you are including co-presenters and entering their information into the system, please allow time for this additional data entry. We recommend allowing sufficient, undivided time to submit your proposal online, between 45 minutes to an hour. You need to complete the proposal process all at one time. You will not have the opportunity to enter a portion and come back as the system will not save your data.

Is there a sample proposal format that I may follow as I prepare my proposal submission?

To assist you in preparing your proposal, you may click on the “proposal link” below to see what information is required. Some people have found it helpful to prepare their submission in a Word document and then copy and paste into the online form. Click on this [proposal link](#) to view and print the instructions and the proposal details (PDF format).

How will I know that my proposal was successfully submitted?

If your proposal was successfully submitted, two activities automatically happen: (1) the website redirects you to a page with a proposal ID# and the link where you could log in and review/update your proposal and (2) you will receive an email confirmation notification. Prior to clicking the “Submit” button, please double check that you have entered your email address correctly.

Once I submit my proposal, will I have the opportunity to make any changes or updates?

Yes, before the proposal deadline you will have an opportunity to make changes. Once you submit your proposal, you will receive log-in credentials by email (makes sure you typed your email address correctly). The log-in credentials are your email address and the proposal ID, which you will use to enter the database and make any changes. However, once the proposal processes closes on August 19, you will no longer have access to make changes or updates.

How long are the workshop sessions?

All workshop sessions are 90 minutes in length.

May I request a special room set up for my workshop?

All workshop meeting rooms are set theater-style (rows of seats with a podium at the front). The room set is designed to maximize the number of seats available for the session. Typically no other room set-up options are available. There is a comment box in the online submission form where you could provide a compelling reason why CAEYC should consider an alternative room set for your workshop (should it be accepted).

Do presenters receive any compensation or reimbursement for expenses?

As a nonprofit educational association, CAEYC does not pay an honorarium for workshop presentations. Presenters must also cover their own travel and printing expenses. CAEYC offers workshop handouts online.

Do presenters receive a discount on Conference registration?

Presenters will receive a discount on registration, which will be provided should your proposal be accepted.

What AV equipment will CAEYC provide for my presentation?

CAEYC will provide an LCD projector, screen, cart and electrical cords. Presenters are responsible for their own computer, laptop or other device to connect to the LCD projector.

What is CAEYC looking for in proposal content?

CAEYC is looking for topics on practical experience and applied research in all areas relating to early childhood professionals. In addition, there is a demand for advanced level workshops, and workshops for family childcare and elementary/school-age programs.

What is CAEYC looking for in Leadership Day proposal content?

Leadership Day is the first day (Thursday) of our Conference and is designed to focus on leaders in ECE. Leaders may have an interest in Public Policy, Accreditation, Membership, Fundraising, Leadership Development, Professional Development etc. Considering the focus of Leadership Day, proposals should address topics, strategies, skills, etc. for ECE leaders as opposed to classroom practice.

What is taken into consideration when reviewing my proposal for acceptance?

Every proposal is reviewed by at least three of your peers including CAEYC's Conference Committee. Criteria for acceptance includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- Workshop timeliness and relevancy to content
- Educational value of content
- Workshop objectives, and do the learner outcomes meet the objectives
- Is the proposal thorough and professional
- Presenter qualifications on the workshop subject matter
- If the presenter is commercially vested in the product did he/she provide a clear understanding of how they will present their workshop without giving the audience a sales pitch
- Equal representation of presentations among the topic tracks

How long is the review process and when can I expect to know if my proposal is accepted?

Typically there are between 250 and 350 proposals submitted. The number of total reviews ranges between 800 and 1,100. The review process takes approximately 45-60 days to complete (keeping in mind that our volunteers are reviewing on their own time). Notifications will begin in mid-October.

If you have other questions not addressed in these FAQs, please contact Brandie Delaney, at brandied@caeyc.org, or (916) 486-7750, ext 2216.