



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: ***APOSW 42nd Annual Conference***

Finding your Rhythm: Creating New Possibilities in Pediatric Oncology Social Work

Submission deadline for all abstracts is Friday September 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

April 10-13, 2018 • Radisson/The Line • 111 East Cesar Chavez Street • Austin, Texas 78701



The Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers requests abstracts for intensive, breakout and poster sessions at the 42nd Annual Conference to be held in Austin, Texas from April 10-13, 2018. The conference theme is **Finding your Rhythm: Creating New Possibilities in Pediatric Oncology Social Work**. Presentations addressing clinical and research topic areas encompassing this theme are welcome.

Pediatric oncology social work is a specialty discipline committed to enhancing the emotional and physical well-being of children with cancer and their families. Practice is based upon a unique body of knowledge and expertise in the areas of bio-psychosocial care and the impact of life-threatening illness on child development and family life. Pediatric oncology social workers are clinicians, program managers, educators, advocates and researchers who serve as pivotal members of multidisciplinary health care teams. They tend not only to the needs of childhood cancer patients and their families, but also to the needs of teams, institutions and communities.

CONFERENCE GOAL:

To provide a collaborative learning opportunity for oncology social workers to address the needs of families impacted by childhood cancer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to

- Explain and apply social work theory, evidence-based practice, interventions, and techniques to address psychosocial care, barriers to care, and programmatic needs of pediatric patients and family members from diagnosis through survivorship, and into the bereavement process.
- Describe evidence based practice to support pediatric cancer patients and their families through discussions of research studies, outcomes, and recommendations in the field of pediatric oncology social work.
- Identify and discuss the psychosocial needs of children diagnosed with cancer and their families toward compassionate end of life care, healing and future positive growth.
- Evaluate methods for professional development through leadership in the field of pediatric hematology/oncology and blood/marrow transplantation.

Abstracts are evaluated for:

- Relevance to the theme of the conference
- Unique, creative, original, and/or innovative topic
- Evidence of literature review
- Background or rationale given for topic area, program or research study
- Clearly stated goals/objectives given for issue, program, or research study
- Conclusions or implications given for oncology social work
- Timeliness and importance of topic to field of oncology social work
- Writing quality and clarity

APOSW provides the following resources to assist with your abstract submission:

[How to Write a Successful Abstract](#)

[How to Write Learning Objectives](#)

Instructions for Submission

Online submission forms can be accessed at www.aposw.org

- 1) Abstract Transmittal
- 2) Abstract Reproduction (350 word limit): **Use the format appropriate to the type of abstract**

a) The Research Abstract

- Background/purpose
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion
- Research Implications/Clinical Implications

b) Program Abstract

- Background
- Description of the program
- Findings
- Future directions/needs for your program/future programs

c) Case Presentation

- Background referral problem
- Assessment and treatment plan
- Results
- Challenges
- Clinical significance to field of pediatric oncology social work

- 3) Conference Program Description (75 word limit)
- 4) Educational Design
- 5) Continuing Education Short Resume for each author

You will receive e-mail confirmation upon receipt of completed abstract submission packet. If you have not received confirmation within 1 week of submission, contact Stephanie Fooks-Parker at fooks@email.chop.edu.

- Notification of acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be sent via e-mail by November 10, 2017.
- If approved, the primary author will be contacted for audio-visual needs and speaker agreement.
- **All intensive, breakout and poster presenter agreements are due November 17, 2017.**
- **Note:** All conference communication will be through the primary author, who is responsible for communicating all conference information to all co-presenters.

Presentation Format:

Type	Time Allotment
Intensive or Advance Practice	90 – 120 minute session
Breakout	75 minute session
Poster	60 minute session (with possible 5-minute oral presentation)

- **Breakout workshops** are innovative, skill building, evidence based presentations.
- **Poster sessions** are a visual and interactive method for presenting your work and getting feedback on innovative ideas. Poster presentations are mounted on corkboard (recommended finished poster size 4 x 6 feet). A general poster session will be planned during the conference so that attendees can view and discuss the content of the poster.
- Presenters wishing to submit a proposal for an **Intensive** or **Advanced Practice Workshop** (2 – 4 hours) will not undergo a blind review.
- Please contact Stephanie Fooks-Parker, via email at fooks@email.chop.edu with your abstract submission questions.

Selection Process:

Abstracts will first be reviewed anonymously and rated by the Abstracts Review Committee. The Committee will accept, accept with recommendation to change format, or decline. Additional consideration will be given to level of practitioner knowledge and skill addressed by the presentation's content and method to ensure sessions address the learning needs of a variety of practitioners.

Plagiarism Statement:

We acknowledge that authors/presenters build upon previously presented work. It is the expectation that this work be referenced, citations noted and acknowledged.

Registration

Presenters are responsible for their conference registration if they plan to attend any session aside from the one they are presenting. Presenters are responsible for expenses related to attending the conference (ground and air travel, lodging and meals), except for speakers presenting an Intensive or Advanced Practice session, for which expenses have been negotiated in advance.

Audio-visual Equipment:

APOSW will make available in every room an LCD projector, laptop, screen, and microphone. Presenters will be responsible for additional or alternative audio-visual equipment costs including internet service.

Compensation:

There is no financial compensation for breakout workshop or poster presentations.