



## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS Joint Council Medical Institute Thursday, March 26, 2009

Joint Council on International Children's Services is pleased to announce its annual Medical Institute to be held at the **Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 26<sup>th</sup>**. This event will occur between Joint Council's Inaugural Adult Adoptee Institute on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the general Conference to be held March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

For many years, the Medical Institute has created an educational environment to address the medical and social developments affecting internationally adopted children. This discussion has greatly enhanced the work of the professionals, medical personnel and government officials in attendance.

As Joint Council strengthens our focus on global permanency for children, we will expand our conference to include workshops on all viable permanency solutions, including international adoption. **This shift reiterates our ongoing mission to find all children safe, loving and permanent homes by acknowledging the current global climate, as well as the multiple advocates who seek to end the orphan crisis.**

To this end, all medical professionals involved with international adoptions or other forms of orphan care (both domestic and international) are invited to submit abstracts/proposals to present at this Institute. Joint Council is particularly interested in hearing in-depth, advanced-level discussions of long-term developmental, psychological, and educational needs of post-institutionalized children, including viable treatment options.

Special consideration will be given to workshops addressing psychological observations across the adoptees' lifetime, versus the first few years following the adoption's completion.

We also hope to offer workshops highlighting post-adoption research and treatment options. A small number of basic medical information sessions are also needed for new attendees.

**WORKSHOPS:** Ten (10) workshops will be scheduled throughout the Medical Institute. Workshops will range from 1 hour to 1 ½ hours in duration, including time for questions and answers. In the morning, there will be four (4) general plenary sessions, designed to be of interest to all in attendance. In the afternoon, there will be two breakout sessions (90 minutes each), where attendees will choose two of six available workshops. We are seeking a mixture of basic and advanced workshops for this timeframe.

**REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for inclusion in the conference, each medical professional submitting a proposal should complete the form on the following page with attached details and submit to Joint Council. **All proposals must be postmarked/mailed by September 5, 2008.**

**EXPENSES:** We understand that this is a significant contribution of your time. While Joint Council cannot reimburse full speaking and traveling expenses, we will waive the Medical Institute fee for up to two (2) speakers per workshop. Medical Institute presenters are also welcome to attend a cocktail reception to be held March 25<sup>th</sup>, the evening prior to the Institute.

**PRESENTATION HANDOUTS:** It is expected that presenters will submit electronic copies of their handouts before February 27, 2009, in order for Joint Council to post them on the Conference website. **This is a firm deadline and presenter participation will support Joint Council's efforts to "Go Green" by reducing the number of printed handouts.** Speakers who miss this deadline assume responsibility to bring enough copies of their handouts onsite. The Joint Council staff will notify all presenters of their approximate audience size prior to the event.

**Presentation topics will be decided and presenters notified on or before October 1, 2008.** Speakers are considered confirmed after submitting a signed contract provided by the Joint Council office.

**Proposals should be mailed to:**

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**TITLE OF PRESENTATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOPIC IS GEARED TOWARD:** *(circle one)*                      Advanced                      Basic

**PRESENTER(S):**

Main Presenter Name (including honorary titles): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Presenter Name (including honorary titles): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:** Please provide a brief one- to three-paragraph summary in the space below; this description will help Joint Council shape conference publications

**DETAILED SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:** Potential presenters are also strongly encouraged to attach a more detailed summary of their presentation to this form (2 page maximum)

**THREE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** These learning objectives will be used in the continuing education evaluation form to help attendees assess speakers/presentations

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY FOR EACH PRESENTER:** Please provide a brief one- to three-paragraph summary in the space below; this description will be used in Joint Council conference publications

**DETAILED RESUME FOR EACH PRESENTER:** Potential presenters are also strongly encouraged to attach a full resume or CV to this form

**EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:** *Each workshop space will have a laptop and LCD projector; please circle other A/V equipment required.*

Laser Pointer                      Flip Chart with Markers                      Other

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