



The Autism Programs Announces the
Autism Imagine Conference...
Embracing Change - Transitions through the Lifespan
April 12 & 13, 2018

Call for Proposals

Embracing Change - Transitions through the Lifespan is the theme of the 2018 Autism Imagine Conference presented by the Autism Programs at the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability. The 2018 Autism Imagine Conference is seeking proposals for breakout sessions that will be informative, relevant, family-centered, evidence-based, and which will encourage opportunities for learner engagement. We anticipate 300 attendees for the conference, with roughly 50-60 per breakout session. There will be approximately 30 presentations. Most presentations will be 75 minutes in length and some presenters may be asked to present on the same topic twice. If your presentation requires more time, you may request two presentation periods for a total of 150 minutes.

Proposals: We are seeking proposals that will address the transitions, early childhood to adulthood, an individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder will experience. The target audience for this conference includes families, individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, school staff members, agencies and community organizations. In particular, we are seeking proposals that fall within one of the following strands:

- Early Childhood
- Childhood
- Adolescence
- Young Adult
- Adult

Poster Session: In addition, we will be sponsoring a Poster Session on Thursday, April 12 from 3:45-5:15pm. For poster requirements, please go to the conference website listed below.

For proposal and poster submissions, include the following (see attached submittal form):

- Name, contact information and short biography for each presenter
- Presentation or poster title, strand, objectives, and abstract
- Signature that you have read the speaker guidelines
- Presentation format and length
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (attached)

Presentation/poster proposals will be selected based on presenter qualifications as well as relevance of the presentation objectives and abstract to the conference theme. Travel and lodging will not be provided; however, presenters will receive a reduced admission of \$25 to attend the entire two-day conference and receive CEUs if applicable. Proposals need to be submitted **no later than December 15, 2018 (date extended)**. Presenters will be notified by January 19, 2018 if selected.

Please email submission hsc-imagine@salud.unm.edu
Contact Carolyn Biswell at (505) 272-9349 with Call for Proposals questions
Contact Marybeth Graham at (505) 925-6025 with Poster Session questions

For more information about the 2018 Autism Imagine Conference...Embracing Change - Transitions through the Lifespan, please visit:

Website: <http://www.cdd.unm.edu/autism/programs/imagine.html>