Embracing Strengths and Diversity is the theme of the 2014 Imagine Conference presented by the Autism Programs at the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability. The 2014 Imagine Conference is seeking proposals for breakout sessions that will be informative, relevant, evidence-based, and which will encourage opportunities for learner engagement. We anticipate 250 attendees for the entire conference, with roughly 60-80 per breakout session. There will be approximately 30 presentations. Most presentations will be 75 minutes in length with a few opportunities for 150 minute presentations.

We are seeking proposals that build on the strengths and diversity of individuals of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The target audience for this conference includes families, school staff, agencies, community organizations, and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In particular, we are seeking proposals that incorporate our theme in the following topics:

- Applied Behavior Analysis, including Positive Behavior Supports
- Inclusion related to school and accessing the community
- Strength-based decision making
- Increasing communication abilities
- Strengthening social skills

Proposal submissions should include the following:

- Name and contact information
- Short biography (75-100 words) including credentials and affiliation/employer
- Presentation title, objectives, and abstract (100-150 words)
- Presentation format (i.e., lecture, workshop, panel, etc.)
- Presentation length (75 or 150 minutes)

Presentation 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. Presenters will receive admission to the entire conference and CEUs if applicable.

Proposals need to be submitted no later than December 15, 2013
Presenters will be notified by January 31, 2014 if selected.

Please email submission as a PDF or Microsoft Word attachment to Imagine@salud.unm.edu
Contact Mike Courtois at (505) 272-3782 with questions.

For more information about the Imagine...Embracing Strengths and Diversity Conference, please visit: http://www.cdd.unm.edu/autism/programs/imagine.html

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