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Mississippi Early Childhood Association
58th Annual Conference

October 12 - 14, 2011

Jackson, MS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 30, 2011 (Notification of acceptance will be made by June 15, 2011)

Mississippi Early Childhood Association (MECA) serves the needs of the early childhood community, which includes professionals who work with children ages birth-8 years and MECA is currently seeking a conglomeration of different types of presentations for those working with Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, and School-Age at our 2011 Conference. The planning committee desires dynamic sessions on innovative practical experiences, programs, and applied research in the following areas:

- Curriculum Development & Implementation
- Classroom Management and Discipline
- Family and Community Involvement
- Leadership and Management
- Social-Emotional Teaching Strategies
- Innovative Programming
- Early Intervention and Special Needs
- Professional Growth & Teacher Preparation
- Child Growth and Development
- Program Assessment and Evaluation
- Public Policy
- Diversity
- Applied Research
- Other (if you feel your topic does not fit into any of the listed topics, note "other" and the review committee will determine its appropriateness.)

Please propose workshop and interest sessions that focus on these topics listed above. Proposed sessions should be 1 hour in length. Please note if you are willing to present your session more than once. If you have an extended session you wish to propose, contact the MECA planning committee regarding extended pre-conference workshops.

MECA will not accept identical proposals with the same title or content for more than two years. Previously submitted and accepted proposals will be reviewed after all other proposals have been accepted or rejected.

Audio/Video Equipment (AV) and internet:

MECA does not provide AV equipment. Proposals that are dependent upon AV equipment may be rejected unless the presenter states his or her intent to provide AV equipment. Presenters may rent AV equipment through the approved conference vendor or bring their own equipment on-site. Wireless internet is also not provided in the conference area.

MECA does not have funds available to compensate interest session presenters. All presenters must register for the conference. The Lead Presenter (as identified in the proposal) is provided complimentary conference registration.

SEND YOUR COMPLETE PROPOSAL AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR A PDF TO: mseca@bellsouth.net
MARK THE SUBJECT LINE: <Your Name> - 2011 Proposal

For questions regarding the 2011 Conference, contact Conference Chair Jeff Leffler at: jleffler@colled.msstate.edu

For questions regarding proposals, contact Program Co-Chairs Colleen Smith at: kcscmcc@yahoo.com or Kaye Sowell at: ksowell@rcsd.ms

Visit www.msearlychildhoodassociation.org for updates on keynote speakers, special events, and upcoming trainings.

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Name, address, telephone number, email address and professional title of individual making proposal. If there are multiple presenters, this information is required for each presenter.
2. Vita for all presenters. This should be a brief vita of 1-2 pages. MECA does not retain old vitae, so your vita MUST accompany the proposal. **NO EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED IN ORDER FOR MECA TO BE ABLE TO OFFER CEU'S.**
3. Title of presentation that clearly and concisely describes its content. MECA reserves the right to edit titles if the presentation is accepted.
4. Session classification using topics listed above.
5. Description of presentation, including:
 - a. Goals/objectives for session
 - b. Synopsis of content (include an outline)
 - c. Type of presentation techniques to be used
6. Abstract appropriate for use in the conference program. (This abstract should not exceed three sentences.)
7. Brief narrative (150 words or less) outlining the presenter's qualifications to do this presentation. (include related experience from within the last 3 years.)
8. Two references with names, telephone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses.