



Together for Children | 40th Anniversary Conference

Call for proposals

Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin (PCAW) is pleased to announce that the window to submit breakout session proposals for the 40th annual Together for Children Conference (TFC) is now open. TFC will convene from **April 5 – 7, 2027**, at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. This year's conference will be accompanied by 40th anniversary celebratory events and activities for participants to enjoy.

[Proposal deadline:](#) Aug. 28, 2026.

The purpose of Together for Children is to provide information and skills that support a multidisciplinary approach to improve prevention, treatment, investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. Topics presented address emerging issues, research questions and public policy changes in child welfare and child protection.

As a reminder, the materials presented at the Together for Children Conference are for continuing education purposes only. The content and material shared during this event reflect an approach, view, experience, statement or opinion of the presenters or authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of Children's Wisconsin or Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin (PCAW). Moreover, the presence of any presenter, author, vendor or participant in the conference does not constitute an endorsement of their organization, views or services. Lastly, the information shared during the event does not create any patient-physician relationship and should not be used as a substitute for professional diagnosis.

Breakout sessions

Breakout sessions are 90 minutes in length, including the question-and-answer portion of the session, if the presenter wishes to include one. Please note that sessions should be limited to four presenters.

Together for Children's evaluation committee is seeking engaging, actionable and innovative breakout sessions that prioritize engagement, practical application, and dialogue across disciplines. Professional areas to consider include social work, law enforcement, healthcare, legal fields and child welfare.

Breakout sessions should be structured to actively involve participants through discussion, experiential learning, skills practice or collaborative problem-solving. The goal of these sessions is to equip attendees with concrete ideas, tools and partnerships they can apply in their own settings to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts and improve outcomes for children and families.

Session content should prioritize evidence-based practices and build connections that support integrated, coordinated approaches across multidisciplinary fields. The inclusion of real-world implementation and the exploration of challenges and solutions across systems and disciplines is also encouraged.

Together for Children values the contributions of lived experts in advancing child welfare. The conference team is strengthening vetting processes, guidance, and policies to support thoughtful, trauma-informed engagement and alignment with best practices. Sessions submitted with lived experts included may be required to schedule regular planning meetings with the conference team.

Selection process

A panel of multidisciplinary professionals will review breakout session submissions for Together for Children 2027.

Reviews will be guided by established evaluation criteria, including:

- **Content relevance** - topics should be of interest to attendees and meet the prevailing professional needs of their organizations and the areas they serve
- **Quality and clarity** - proposed material should be of excellent quality and thoughtfully articulated with clear learning objectives that align with the session description
- **Content level** - the level of session material should be indicated accurately to reflect the most appropriate content level for the intended audience

- **Practicality and actionability** - key takeaways from breakout sessions should offer concrete tools, strategies, frameworks, or lessons that can be applied in direct practice or systems change efforts
- **Continuing education applicability** - breakout session content should contain clear learning objectives and measurable outcomes
- **Audience takeaways** - content should have clear and actionable insights and tools that enhance attendees' daily practices
- **Multidisciplinary integration** - content should include perspectives, expertise or collaboration across multiple fields and systems

Guidelines for participation

Please review the below guidelines for participation before submitting your proposal.

Presenter obligations

If selected, all presenters associated with a breakout session will be required to do the following:

1. Sign a speaker agreement provided by Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. Failure to do so will result in the presenter's removal from the session.
2. If applicable, disclose all financial or institutional conflicts of interest within the speaker agreement and/or financial disclosure forms, and participate in mitigation activities, as needed.
3. Complete financial disclosure forms, as requested, in accordance with continuing education issuers' guidelines.
4. The *primary presenter* (the submitter of the breakout proposal) will be responsible for communicating presentation information including, but not limited to, breakout room layout needs, technology needs, and the names of the 1-2 presenters from their session who will be receiving complimentary registration.
5. Submit session handouts, presentations and other materials upon request from the TFC conference team, via the EventsAir presentation portal by the deadline established.
6. Arrive at TFC, at minimum, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled breakout session time.

Lived experts

Sessions incorporating lived experts may be required to schedule regular planning meetings with the conference team with the goal of ensuring that lived experts are adequately prepared for their experience onsite.

Session changes

Breakout sessions are selected based on the content and presenter listing submitted in the proposal. Any changes, including titling, descriptions, objectives or presenter changes must be submitted in writing to pcaw@childrenswi.org by Nov. 20, 2026. Changes communicated after this date may not be accepted.

Presenter attendance

While sessions may include up to four presenters, a maximum of two presenters per session are eligible to attend the two-day conference (April 6-7) at no cost. The primary presenter will be responsible for communicating the names of the one to two presenters attending free of charge to the conference organizers via EventsAir.

Additional presenters are welcome to attend other sessions but will be required to pay a registration fee.

Presenter mileage

Presenters will indicate in their speaker agreements whether or not they will be requesting mileage reimbursement. Presenters who opt-in will have mileage, for the day of the presentation, covered at the current state rate. Presenters traveling in vehicles provided by their organization or whose organizations reimburse mileage will not be eligible for reimbursement from TFC.

Proposal submission

Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, Aug. 28, 2026

Breakout session proposals must be submitted using the **updated template**. Please [click here](#) to access it.

Submitting your proposal:

[Click here](#) to access the EventsAir submission portal.

To access the portal, the primary presenter should create a new account using their email address and password of their choice.

Breakout session proposal checklist

Review the below checklist to confirm that you have all the information you need before beginning the submission process in the portal.

- ✓ Completed breakout session proposal, using the updated template
- ✓ Full list of presenters and their contact and professional information:
 - Full name
 - Organization
 - Position (job title)
 - Email address
 - Credentials (MD, MSW, RN, etc.) to be included in breakout session proposal template
- ✓ Presentation availability for all presenters across April 6 and 7.
 - April 6: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - April 6: 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
 - April 7: 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 - April 7: 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
 - April 7: 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Submission instructions are provided on the portal.

Review and notification timeline

Following the closing of the proposal submission window on **Aug. 28**, the evaluation panel will begin their review period. All proposals that meet the following minimal acceptance requirements will be reviewed:

- Submitted by the deadline of 11:50 p.m. CT on Aug. 28
- Proposal information is submitted using the updated template

The Together for Children team anticipates that decision notifications will be sent to all primary presenters by November 2026.