**2020 Leadership Conference:**

**Call for Abstracts**

**General Information**

The New York State Children’s Alliance is soliciting abstracts for presentation at the 2020 NYSCA Leadership Conference. Abstracts will be considered if received by **May 29, 2020**.  The target audience for this conference is comprised of members from Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, Victim Advocacy, Mental Health Providers, and Medical Professionals of Children’s Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary teams. **For 2020 we are looking for ADVANCED TOPICS ONLY.**

**The 2020 NYSCA Leadership Conference will feature the following workshop tracks:**

* **CAC General / Administration:**Sessions that offer actionable information on the operations of a CAC, including content on best practices in management, finance, and fundraising, as well as leadership topics.
* **Victim Services (Clinical and Advocacy):**Sessions that provide the latest research and innovative ways to apply it in direct-service practices in child welfare, mental health, medical care, and victim advocacy.
* **Investigation / Prosecution:**Sessions that provide the information on forensic interviewing best practices and tools on the investigation and prosecution of child

abuse cases.

**Guidelines for Participation**

The New York State Children’s Alliance invites practitioners, administrators, and community leaders to submit abstracts for 75-minute workshop presentations focusing on leadership and administration issues, program innovations and management, cultural competency, innovations and best practices in child welfare, technology, and service delivery as directly relating to multidisciplinary teams and Children’s Advocacy Centers. Presenters will be expected to offer practical experience to help attendees increase their understanding and skills in the topic area.

In keeping with our tradition of peer education and mentoring, selected presenters are asked to donate their time and expenses as a personal contribution to the New York State Children’s Alliance. If a selected presenter is interested in attending the full conference, The New York State Children’s Alliance will offer one complimentary registration.

**Important Information**

Abstracts will not be considered if all of the guidelines are not followed and if not received by May 29, 2020. Abstracts will not be returned. Staff of the New York State Children’s Alliance will review all submitted abstracts and will select presentations that meet the training needs of attendees and create a well-rounded agenda.

For more information contact Jami Bolton at jbolton@nyschildrensalliance.org.

**To Apply**

You will need to provide the following information:

1. Title of Presentation
2. Description of Presentation (100 words or less)
3. Who Should Attend this Workshop
4. 3 Learning Objectives
5. Suggested Conference Track
6. Presenter Contact Information
7. Presenter Bio (150 words or less)
8. Additional Comments or Special Requests

This document will only be used by the New York Children’s Alliance and will not be published in any conference material.

**Deadline and More Details :**All abstracts must be May 29, 2020 to be considered. Please submit all information to Jami Bolton, Education & Training Coordinator at jbolton@nyschildrensalliance.org