



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: ***APOSW 43rd Annual Conference***

Embracing the Diverse Landscape of Pediatric Oncology Social Work

Submission deadline for all abstracts is Friday August 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

April 8-10, 2019 • Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel • 100 N. 1st Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85004



Pediatric oncology social work is a specialty discipline committed to enhancing the emotional and physical well-being of children with cancer and their families. Practice is based upon a unique body of knowledge and expertise in the areas of bio-psychosocial care and the impact of life-threatening illness on child development and family life. Pediatric oncology social workers are clinicians, program managers, educators, advocates and researchers who serve as pivotal members of multidisciplinary health care teams. They address not only the needs of childhood cancer patients and their families, but also those of the teams, institutions and the communities in which they practice.

CONFERENCE GOAL:

To provide a collaborative learning opportunity for pediatric oncology social workers to address the needs of families impacted by childhood cancer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to

- Explain and apply social work theory, evidence-based practice, interventions, and techniques to address psychosocial care, barriers to care, and programmatic needs of pediatric patients and family members from diagnosis through survivorship.

- Describe evidence-based practice to support pediatric cancer patients and their families through discussions of research studies, outcomes, and practice recommendations in the field of pediatric oncology social work.
- Identify and discuss the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and their families at end of life including models of compassionate care and bereavement support for grieving families.
- Describe opportunities for professional development and leadership in the field of pediatric hematology/oncology and blood/marrow transplantation.

Abstracts are evaluated for:

Relevance to the theme of the conference

Unique, creative, original, and/or innovative topic

Evidence of literature review

Background, rationale and clearly stated goals/objectives given for issue, program, or research study

Timeliness and importance of topic to field of pediatric oncology social work

Writing quality and clarity

Instructions for Submission

Online submission forms can be accessed at www.aposw.org

Abstract Transmittal

Abstract Reproduction (350 word limit, excluding title and authors' names)

Conference Program Description (75 word limit)

Educational Design

Continuing Education Short Resume for each author

APOSW provides the following resources to assist with your abstract submission:

[How to Write a Successful Abstract](#)

[How to Write Learning Objectives](#)

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1) Abstract Transmittal

2) Abstract Reproduction (350 word limit): **Use the format appropriate to the type of abstract**

a) The Research Abstract

- Background/purpose
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion
- Research Implications/Clinical Implications

b) Program Abstract

- Background
- Description of the program
- Findings
- Future directions/needs for your program/future programs

c) Case Presentation

- Background referral problem
- Assessment and treatment plan
- Results
- Challenges
- Clinical significance to field of pediatric oncology social work

3) Conference Program Description (75 word limit)

4) Educational Design

5) Continuing Education Short Resume for each author

You will receive e-mail confirmation upon receipt of completed abstract submission packet. If you have not received confirmation within 1 week of submission, contact Elyse Levin-Russman at elevinrussman@partners.org.

- Notification of acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be sent via e-mail by November 5, 2018.
- If approved, the primary author will be contacted for audio-visual needs and speaker agreement.
- **All intensive, breakout and poster presenter agreements are due November 16, 2018.**
- **Note:** All conference communication will be through the primary author, who is responsible for communicating all conference information to all co-presenters.

Presentation Format:

Type	Time Allotment
Intensive or Advance Practice	2 hour session
Breakout	75 minute session
Poster	60 minute session (with possible 5-minute oral presentation)

- **Breakout workshops** are innovative, skill building, evidence based presentations.
- **Poster sessions** are a visual and interactive method for presenting your work and getting feedback on innovative ideas. Poster presentations are mounted on corkboard (recommended finished poster size 4 x 6 feet). A general poster session will be planned during the conference so that attendees can view and discuss the content of the poster.
- Presenters wishing to submit a proposal for an **Intensive** or **Advanced Practice Workshop** (2 hours) will not undergo a blind review.
- Please contact Elyse Levin-Russman, via email at elevinrussman@partners.org with your abstract submission questions.

Selection Process:

Abstracts will first be reviewed anonymously and rated by the Abstracts Review Committee. The Committee will accept, accept with recommendation to change format, or decline. Additional consideration will be given to level of practitioner knowledge and skill addressed by the presentation's content and method to ensure sessions address the learning needs of a variety of practitioners.

Plagiarism Statement:

We acknowledge that authors/presenters build upon previously presented work. It is the expectation that this work be referenced, citations noted and acknowledged.

Registration

Presenters are responsible for their conference registration if they plan to attend any session aside from the one they are presenting. Presenters are responsible for expenses related to attending the conference (ground and air travel, lodging and meals), except for speakers presenting an Intensive or Advanced Practice session, for which expenses have been negotiated in advance.

Audio-visual Equipment:

APOSW will make available in every room an LCD projector, laptop, screen, and microphone. Presenters will be responsible for additional or alternative audio-visual equipment costs including internet service.

Compensation:

There is no financial compensation for breakout workshop or poster presentations.