



32nd Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

About the Conference

Now in its 32nd year, the “Tampa Conference” encourages researchers, evaluators, and policymakers to become engaged in developing creative solutions for the issues facing the country’s most challenged children and their families.

Presenters and participants share significant accomplishments in the field, including new frameworks, conceptual models, and methodological approaches.

In addition to keynote and plenary speakers, the 2019 conference will include specialty tracks organized by our partners. These tracks and partners have grown substantially over the past 10 years.

Registration is Open!

Visit our website to register for the conference and submit your proposal online today!



Call for Proposals

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit proposals for research benefiting children, youth and their families.

Special topic tracks

Youth and Young Adults – Research, policy, and services to support the behavioral health needs of older youth and young adults.

Family Engagement – This track focuses on the promotion of family engagement in areas of research, evaluation, policy and practice.

Evidence-based Practice (EBP) in Systems of Care – Sponsored by the Child and Family Evidence Based Practice Consortium, this track highlights research and technical assistance informing effective implementation of evidence-based practice in systems of care. Presentations focus upon workforce development, sustainability, and the implementation knowledge to practice gap in behavioral health care and child welfare.

Innovations in Wraparound – Leaders in Wraparound management, supervision, evaluation, QA, and research will present an array of cutting-edge developments in care coordination for youth with complex needs.

Behavioral Health Equity – Showcasing the latest evidence-based research and discoveries, innovative programs, and effective policies advancing behavioral health equity among vulnerable populations both domestically and globally.

Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health (Institute members only) – Includes presentations of results from translational research projects along with discussions by leaders in the field regarding current trends in implementation science.

Child Welfare – Co-sponsored by Casey Family Programs and the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, this track showcases new developments in community-based and other interventions to prevent or mitigate the impact of child maltreatment.



General topic areas

- Research and policy associated with preventing and alleviating trauma in the lives of families, children, and emerging adults.
- Community-based policies, services, and strategies addressing disparities.
- Systems research on processes that impact effectiveness.
- Research on family, youth, and young adult roles in behavioral health services.
- Implementation of Evidence-based practice research and policy.
- Innovative approaches to research and evaluation in complex behavioral health settings.
- Community-based policy approaches addressing Substance Abuse/Dual Diagnosis services.
- Early childhood behavioral health.
- Building capacity to provide coordinated behavioral health community responses to American Indian/Alaska Native families.