



**HEALING OUR WORLD:
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY**

NACCW 24TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE | 35TH FICE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
5TH CYC-NET WORLD CONFERENCE 04 - 06 JULY 2023 | GQEBERHA (PORT ELIZABETH), SOUTH AFRICA

Call for papers

**The 24th NACCW Biennial Conference,
The 35th FICE International Congress &
5th CYC-NET World Conference**

4 – 6 July 2023

South Africa

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 October 2022

**Venue: University of Nelson Mandela,
Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) Eastern Cape, South Africa**

Conference Theme

Healing Our World: Children's services

Thinking globally acting locally

We invite you to submit abstracts for lectures, round tables, workshops, or poster presentations on the following streams:

1. Living through the Covid pandemic in out-of-home care (foster care and residential care) for children, youth, young adults, and staff members
2. Lessons learned from the Covid pandemic period in child and youth care services
3. Projects and original initiatives handle Covid pandemic in children's services
4. Standards and quality control in the field of out-of-home care
5. Research on out-of-home care and education of vulnerable and at-risk children and youth
6. Educational achievements and advancement among children and youth in out-of-home placements and in community-based programs
7. Staff training programs
8. Training of child and youth care workers
9. Innovative initiatives/programs in residential-care settings for children and youth at risk
10. Transition from care to adulthood and independent living
11. Pedagogical innovations in child and youth care, and community-based programs
12. New approaches for education and care for children and youth in out-of-home care
13. Original initiatives and projects – their development and implementation in child and youth care programs
14. Special populations of children and youth in child and youth care services (for example cultural minority group children, LGBTQ+ children and youth, immigrants, refugees, disabled children and unaccompanied minors).
15. Children's rights in child and youth care programs and related legislation
16. Maturation and identity development among children and youth in out-of-home care
17. Living in a multicultural society
18. Youth and globalization
19. Migrant and socially excluded youth
20. Counseling and treatment in multicultural societies
21. Stress and trauma
22. Victims and survivors of family abuse and neglect
23. Victims and survivors of gender-based violence
24. Children and youth in war situations
25. Other

Conference Structure:

The conference will include plenary sessions, thematic sessions, round tables, workshops, presentations of field projects, and posters.

- Plenary sessions will host lectures by key lecturers.
- Thematic sessions will focus on specific subjects.
- Round tables will be designed to encourage a dialogue among conference participants, highlighting common areas of interest in the many countries represented.
- Workshops will be the platform for presenting specific activities taking place in participants' workplaces.
- Presentation of field projects.
- Poster sessions.

Presentation formats at the congress/conference:

- **Thematic session:** Each session will include short presentations (15-20 minutes).
- **Round tables:** These sessions focus on active discussion of a specific subject, aiming to encourage a dialogue between participants from various countries around common interests.
- **Workshops:** Each workshop will last up to 45 – 90 minutes. The workshops allow participants to describe their special activities. The workshops usually include a presentation of a specific therapeutic / research / pedagogical approach by several participants, which provides the audience with an introduction to this approach to enable them to implement it in the future.
- Presentation of a field project by one person or a team who shares with the audience the challenge they met and the way it was handled.
- **Poster sessions:** These are an opportunity for participants to learn about additional projects, innovative models, and research findings. Time will be allotted during the conference for visitors to explore the posters, and engage with exhibitors.

How to prepare your proposal?

If you are a professional in the fields of child and youth care, social work and social welfare, social pedagogy, social education, psychology, mental health, sociology, anthropology, economics, law, and other disciplines, and wish to present your work, related to children at risk in the community and in out-of-home care, you are invited to submit your abstract to the Scientific Committee.

The abstracts should be submitted in English, in doc, docx, or pdf format in 12-point font. (See template provided below.)

The abstracts should include the following:

- Title (up to 150 characters)
- Abstract of the study/project/workshop (up to 200 words): Depending on the selected submission format:
 - **Presentation of a study:** Background, purpose of the study, methodology, main findings and implications
 - **Presentation of a project within a workshop or as a single lecture:** Aim of the project, work principles, implementation, and conclusions
 - **Roundtable:** Topic for the round table, background to topic discussion and main points of the discussion
 - **Field project presentation and discussion**
 - **Presentation of a poster:** Title of research or project to be presented, description of main findings or project essentials.

The abstract submission should also include the following information about the presenter:

- First name and last name of the presenter/s
- Position, academic degree, institutional affiliation, country of origin
- Email and phone number
- Topic category (from the list of topic categories above)
- Presentation format (oral presentation at a thematic session, round table, workshop, field project, poster presentation)
- A brief (4-5 lines) biography
- The submission should be sent to: abstractsconference@naccw.org.za
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Schedule

- Abstract submission begins –1 August 2022
- Deadline for abstract submission – 15 October 2022
- Answers will be sent to applicants by – 30 November 2022

All presenters must register for the conference and pay registration fees.

More details about the congress program will be published on the conference website beginning September 2022.

We look forward to your abstracts and seeing you at the Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: enquiriesconference@naccw.org.za

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