



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: ***APOSW 43rd Annual Conference***

Embracing the Diverse Landscape of Pediatric Oncology Social Work

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

Due: August 31, 2018, 11:59 pm, Central Time



The Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers requests abstracts for intensive, breakout and poster sessions at the 43rd Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona from April 8-10, 2019. The conference theme is **Embracing the Diverse Landscape of Pediatric Oncology Social Work**. Presentations addressing clinical and research topic areas reflecting this theme are welcome.

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

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

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/presenter, who is responsible for communicating all conference information to all co-presenters.

Presentation Format: Type

Intensive/Seminars

Breakout

Poster

Time Allotment

2 hours

75 minute session

60 minute session