



*University of North Texas  
College of Education  
Center for Parent Education*

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting  
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, U.S.A.  
April 24-26, 2013

*Online Submission deadline: November 1, 2012*

*(Online portal open July 15, 2012)*

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

**Description:** The International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting is a two-day interdisciplinary conference that will bring together regional, national, and international scholars, policy makers, parent/family educators, early childhood interventionists, family support professionals, school/parent liaisons, students, and child and family advocates. The Conference on Parent Education has met annually on or near the campus of the University of North Texas and is unique as an annual conference focused on educating and supporting parents. Scholars and practitioners from around the globe will present the latest in knowledge, research, educational strategies, curriculum, and parent education and support models. The keynote speakers are nationally or internationally recognized as having specialized knowledge relating to parenting and family support.

Globally, families are coping with major societal changes. Economic distress, shifting resource allocation, and other societal pressures challenge families. The 2013 International Annual Conference on Parent Education will focus on issues that most affect families in an ever changing world. Strategies for educating and supporting parents and families of diverse cultures and nationalities will be highlighted. Issues related to program evaluation and research will also be featured.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To provide training in core knowledge and skills for parent educators
- To present a spectrum of program models, curriculum, strategies, and knowledge related to parenting, parent education, parent involvement, and parent/family support.
- To present primary research and research reviews related to parenting, parent education, parent involvement, parent/family support and the changing family.
- To dialogue about evaluation and support of family education and support programs.
- To provide knowledge in specialized areas related to family life.
- To provide training in parent education and family support curriculum and methods.
- To provide international perspectives and cross-national research on parent education and parenting.
- To promote interaction and exchange of ideas among conference participants.
- To provide a resource and book fair.
- To recognize best practices in parent education, parent involvement, and family support.

### Invitation to Present:

Those who would like to part of the program at the International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting are invited to complete our **online proposal form** for presentations in interactive workshops, research-to-practice and special interest sessions, topical symposiums, and “Meet the Scholars” research posters. All submissions are blind reviewed by professionals for inclusion in the program. Selection criteria are designed to serve the interests of the conference attendees, while maintaining a high level of quality and serving a variety of interests. All submissions will be acknowledged in writing by November 15.

### Notification and Registration

Presenters will be notified no later than **December 3, 2012** of acceptance or non-acceptance of proposals and tentative date and time assignments for presentations.

- Co-presenters who will not be able to attend the conference are requested to notify the Center for Parent Education at 940-369-7246.
- **Presenters are expected to complete and send a speaker registration form and pay a reduced speaker fee to cover food and other attendee expenses. Presenters not participating in luncheons and not attending other presentations can request to have the fee waived.**

### Online submission Guidelines:

Beginning **July 15, 2012**, proposals may be submitted online using link at **<http://parenteducation.unt.edu/conferences>**. Submissions must be complete by **November 1, 2012**. If you have any questions please contact [Arminia.Jacobson@unt.edu](mailto:Arminia.Jacobson@unt.edu) or [Lionel.Asare@unt.edu](mailto:Lionel.Asare@unt.edu).

Complete all information. **Please note: The last two entries require you to enter a 500-800 word summary of your presentation and biographical sketch. Please have this information ready in a word document, then copy and paste your information into the fields provided on the online form as you will not be able to edit your information in the fields. Proposals for reporting primary research symposiums and research posters should include: objective or problem, methodology (sample, measurement, procedure or design, type of analysis), results, and conclusions. Proposals are limited to 5 presenters.**

### Examples of Appropriate Topics for Breakout Sessions: (Other topics related to parenting and parent education are welcome.)

- Adolescent parents
- Adoptive parents
- Building family strengths
- Changing family
- Cross-cultural parenting
- Ethics in family education and research

- Evaluation of Programs
- Families and childcare
- Facilitation strategies for parent education
- Family diversity
- Family economics and financial management
- Family law and advocacy
- Family policy
- Fathering
- Funding for parent education programs
- Grandparenting
- Healthy family environments
- Immigration & parenting
- Innovative parent education curriculum
- Leadership in parent and family programs
- Military families
- Parent-child interaction
- Parenting and family life education
- Parenting and gender
- Parent involvement
- Parenting and mental/medical health
- Parenting special needs children
- Parenting and social class
- Parenting styles
- Parent-Family Education Program models
- Positive parenting
- Research strategies for studying parent education, parent involvement, and family support

## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS:

**Interactive Workshops:** Focus on Practical applications, intervention and educational models.

**Format:** 90 minute facilitated workshops that are skills-based using an interactive, educational approach drawing on current research or introducing new skills, practices and models.

**Content:** Workshops should be relevant to the audience and provide practical knowledge and application.

**Research-to-Practice:** Focus on updates in applied research, practice, and special interest sessions on parenting and family education topics.

**Format:** 90 minute presentations which allows time for questions and answers.

**Content:** Presentations will include updates on effective parenting strategies, informational research, and special content areas relevant to the field of parent education, parenting, and family studies.

**Symposiums:** Focus on Pure Research, Theoretical Models, and Policy

**Format:** 90 minute symposiums which include three (3) presentations and a discussant.

**Content:** Informative sessions that includes multiple speakers.

**Round Table Discussions** (Ran concurrently with “*Meet the Scholars*” Research Posters)

**Format:** During a 45 minute round table session, scholars will briefly present their findings to a small group of rotating conference participants.

**Content:** Brief presentations will include updates on effective parenting strategies, informational research, and special content areas relevant to the field of parent education, parenting, and family studies.

**“Meet the Scholars” Research Posters: (Original Research and Graduate Student Completed Research)**

**Format:** During a 45 minute session, scholars will briefly present their findings to small groups of rotating conference participants. Posters will be on display for the day.

**Content:** Meet the Scholars will include a detailed table-top display of completed research. Undergraduate and graduate student research is encouraged. Display specifications will be available.

- **Graduate and undergraduate awards are available for the best poster presentation.**
- **Graduate Students:** Graduate students can present a detailed table-top display of completed research.
- **Undergraduate Students:** Undergraduate students can present a detailed table-top display of a literature review.

## **PROPOSAL REVIEW, CALL FOR PROPSAL REVIEWERS AND NOTIFICATION**

### **Proposal Review:**

Review panels will blind-review proposals for acceptance. Workshop and applied sessions will be reviewed by practitioners. Research, policy and theory proposals will be reviewed by university faculty and researchers in the field. University faculty will review undergraduate papers.

### **Call for Proposal - Reviewers:**

We are currently seeking peer reviewers to review and score proposals. A 500-800 word summary of each proposed presentation with review criteria will be emailed to you for your blind review. You will be allowed 3 weeks to review, but a faster response will be appreciated. If your colleagues, or doctoral student advisees have an interest or expertise in working with families, e.g. parent/family education, parenting, or parent involvement (home or school), please share this information with them so they can volunteer. For more information or to register to be a proposal reviewer, go to <http://www.parenteducation.unt.edu/conferences>. For questions, contact [Arminta.Jacobson@unt.edu](mailto:Arminta.Jacobson@unt.edu) or [Lionel.Asare@unt.edu](mailto:Lionel.Asare@unt.edu). You may also call the Center for Parent Education at 940-369-7246. Deadline to signup: **November 1, 2012.**

### **Conference Facilitators**

We are currently seeking volunteers to facilitate concurrent sessions. Facilitators are responsible for introducing the session speakers, assisting with AV needs, and managing the CEU signup sheet. For more information or to register as a facilitator go to <http://www.parenteducation.unt.edu/conferences>. For questions contact [Arminta.Jacobson@unt.edu](mailto:Arminta.Jacobson@unt.edu) or [Lionel.Asare@unt.edu](mailto:Lionel.Asare@unt.edu). You may also call the Center for Parent Education at 940-369-7246. Deadline to sign up: **April 1, 2013.**

## **BEST PRACTICE NOMINATIONS**

The Texas Association of Parent Educators (TAPE) is the sponsor of the Best Practices Nominations. Information about nominating a program for Best Practices is available at <http://www.parenteducation.unt.edu/conferences>. The deadline for nominations is **February 1, 2013.** Nominations are accepted from the following categories:

- Parent/Family Education
- Parent/Family Involvement in Schools
- Parent/Family Support

## **For more information about the call for proposals contact**

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