



31st Annual Research & Policy Conference Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Hilton Tampa Downtown

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About the Conference

Since 1988, this annual conference has been a leader in promoting the development of the research base essential to improved service systems for children and youth with mental health challenges and their families. Known widely as “The Tampa Conference,” this annual gathering of more than 500 researchers, evaluators, policy-makers, administrators, parents, and advocates is sponsored by the Department of Child & Family Studies at the University of South Florida, in partnership with the Children’s Mental Health Network, Morehouse School of Medicine, the National Wraparound Initiative, Casey Family Programs, Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Institute for Translational Research Education in Adolescent Drug Abuse, Transitions Research and Training Center, The Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures, Child & Family Evidence Based Practice Consortium and the Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health.

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 – Examples of current research and technical assistance integrating and supporting EBP in systems of care, both in the US and Canada.

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

- 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.
- Research on Wraparound and care coordination for youth and families with the most complex and costly needs.