

April 11-12, 2025 | Bismarck Event Center

North Dakota Early Childhood Conference

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2025 Call for Presentation Proposals Breakout Sessions

North Dakota Health and Human Services and statewide program partners invite you to submit a presentation proposal for the [2025 North Dakota Early Childhood Conference](#) at the Bismarck Event Center on April 11-12, 2025.

Audience: Early childhood professionals who work with or provide services for young children including: child care providers, early childhood educators, special education and related service providers, early intervention providers, social workers, mental health providers, home visitors, secondary education students, families and all individuals interested in learning about best practices in early childhood.

Format:

The conference planning committee is accepting proposals for one-hour breakout sessions with Friday and Saturday options. Ideal proposals will include engaging, practical, and hands-on information in these focus areas:

- Enhancing early learning, growth and development
- Health and wellness for children, families, caregivers, adults, and professionals
- Leadership
- Family engagement successes

Agenda:

Friday Events: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning Keynote: Cari Ebert, M.S., CCC-SLP

Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

Session 1 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Session 2 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Keynote: Ron Shuali, MEd

Saturday Events: 9:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

Morning Keynote: Ron Shuali, MEd

Morning Breakout Session:

Session 1 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Afternoon Breakout Session:

Session 2 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Afternoon Keynote: Kelli Odden, Ed.D.

Selection Process:

****Extended Proposal Deadline: Dec. 10****

Please submit each presentation idea on a separate form.

The conference planning committee will review and approve presenter proposals by **Jan. 15**.

Session proposals will be selected based on their relevance to the field, target audience, engaging format, interactive design, and balance of offerings.

Selected breakout session presenters will receive free conference registration.

Proposal Format

Presenter Details:

- First and last Name(s)
- Employer/affiliation(s)
- Position/title(s)
- Email(s)
- Mailing address(s)
- Phone number(s)

Main Topic Focus:

- Enhancing early learning, growth and development
- Health and wellness for children, families, caregivers, adults, and professionals
- Leadership
- Family engagement successes

Title and Brief Description: This will be used for the conference publication.
(400 character limit, approximately 80 words)

Content Level:

- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Learning Objectives: Provide at least one SMART learning objective for the course following the guidelines at ndgrowingfutures.org/files/pdf/ndgf-writinglearningobjectives.pdf.

Target Audience:

- Administrators
- Directors
- Center staff
- Family/Group
- Head Start
- Consultants
- Trainers
- Early interventionist
- Social Service work
- Home Visitors

Ages Addressed:

- Infant-toddler (0-35 months)
- Preschool (3-5)
- Early childhood (0-8)
- Elementary (K-G3)
- Business
- Early childhood special education

Presenter(s) Bio/Experience: Briefly highlight your experience with and/or depth of knowledge on the topic.

Presentation Details

- Format: Explain your presentation format (lecture, discussion, role-playing, etc.)

Audio/Visual Equipment Needs:

Any Additional Questions/Comments:

To submit a proposal please complete the webform.
forms.office.com/g/NMnBq5T7Cu



Specific questions can be directed to Carolyn Kueber: cjkueber@nd.gov