

2026 United for Every Child Conference Call for Proposals

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 - Friday, September 25, 2026

Time: 8:00am-4:00pm

Location: R2i2 (763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29229)

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the 2026 United for Every Child Conference! We greatly appreciate your partnership and are confident that you will be able to contribute to the quality of the information shared with participants.

Presenters will share evidence-based strategies and practices that align with this year's conference goals and theme. The presentation method should foster active participation and engagement from those in attendance. Participants will leave each breakout session with a thorough understanding of the strategies and the confidence to implement them.

All proposals should be submitted using the online form. (link on the website)

Please note: You will not be able to save & return to your proposal submission so be prepared to complete your submission when you click on the blue arrow.

Breakout Session Proposals are due Friday, February 20, 2026!

The format for this year's breakout session presentations has been updated. Kindly review the goals outlined below to decide which day of the conference is the best fit for your proposal.

Thursday, September 24, 2026 - Early Childhood Inclusion: Building Belonging
GOALS:

- Support early childhood leadership teams in strengthening program capacity to expand inclusive preschool practices across the mixed delivery system -- ensuring all young children and their families experience belonging and thrive in their communities.
- Engage in learning around evidence-based practices that promote smooth and successful early childhood transitions and increase high-quality instruction for preschoolers with disabilities in their least restrictive environment (LRE).
- Collaborate with peers to cultivate and sustain a strong, shared culture of inclusion and belonging.

Friday, September 25, 2026 - The Champion's Path: Advancing the Pyramid Model
GOALS:

- Clarity & Inspiration: Discover how the Pyramid Model helps create inclusive early learning environments and prevents suspension and expulsion.
- Practical Tools: Learn strategies to use data to support children's growth, strengthen your practice, and partner with families.
- Connections & Collaboration: Build relationships with other early childhood professionals and explore ways to expand and sustain Pyramid Model practices in your community.

Proposals should include the following elements:

The conference day are you submitting a proposal for:

- Thursday, September 24, 2026 - Early Childhood Inclusion: Building Belonging
- Friday, September 25, 2026 - The Champion's Path: Advancing the Pyramid Model

Preferred session time slot:

- Morning Session - Session 1 - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Afternoon Session - Session 2 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- No preference

Contact information for presenters and co-presenters (limited to 2 presenters per session)

A brief bio for each presenter (100-word limit per bio)

Session title

Age group for which the strategies in your session will be most appropriate:

- Infants (0-18 months)
- Toddlers (19-35 months)
- Preschool (3-5 years)

Description of session (500-word limit) **to include:**

- Target Audience
- Description of the strategies and practices to be discussed
- Strong proposals will include references to the evidence-base supporting the strategies and practices
- Modes of instruction that describe how the presenter will engage participants (e.g., lecture, small/large group discussions, etc.)

An abstract that will be published in the program (100-word limit)

2-3 learning objectives for the session (200-word limit)