

Your Invitation: *Call for Presenters*

Join us at the National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia from June 25-28, 2015



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*Setting Sail for
Brighter Tomorrows!*

A Sneak Peek at the Program

The NFPA's annual convention brings together families and professionals from across the country to learn from one another and receive the most current training in the areas of child protection, trauma recovery, and parenting. This convention is the annual hallmark of the services offered by NFPA to ensure families are providing the best care to children in child welfare.

The plans for this year's convention include national scientist/researchers involved in a unique discussion with parents and service professionals regarding the state of the art in brain research and treatment as well as workshops delivered in a modern learning approach utilizing facilitated learning, workshops, and fishbowls.

Save the Date!

The Academy

June 25, 2015

A Brain Research Academy geared to parents and service professionals will set the stage for the Convention.

The Workshops

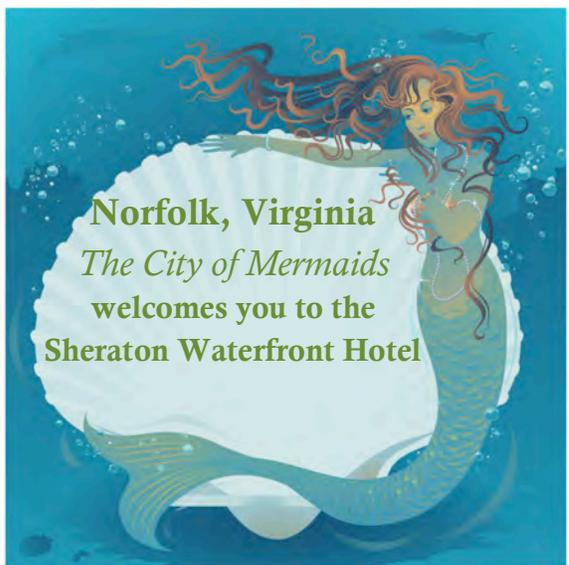
June 26-28, 2015

A fresh delivery approach to learning that includes sessions on advocacy, health, systems, education, nutrition, and more!

The Events

June 25-28, 2015

Our first National Walk and a Grand Gala with a youth talent show will be hallmark events to celebrate children!



Norfolk, Virginia
The City of Mermaids
welcomes you to the
Sheraton Waterfront Hotel



National Foster Parent Association

The National Foster Parent Association (NFPA) is a champion for the thousands of families that open their heart and their home to the over 400,000 children in out-of-home placement in the United States.

The National Foster Parent Association (NFPA) is a non-profit corporation formed specifically for the purpose of supporting and advocating for foster families in the United States. The membership of the NFPA represents parents, alumni, state and local affiliates, and strategic partners from across the country. At this time NFPA reaches over 10,000 families and professionals with their digital newsletter, advocacy services, and educational opportunities.

Convention Plans

FACES of Virginia Families will host the 2015 NFPA National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia during June 25-28, 2015. As host to this prestigious foster care event, FACES of Virginia Families will be securing national sponsors to help defray costs for Virginia families and professionals as well as those from other states and territories of the United States. We are pleased to offer many marketing opportunities for those corporations investing in the future of children living in foster, adoptive, and kinship homes by supporting this 2015 National Convention.

The NFPA works to keep costs at the lowest possible minimum. This helps to ensure as many families as possible are able to benefit not only from the tremendous learning opportunities to help ensure nurturing and safe homes for children; but also so the caregivers, parents, and professionals are able to meet and form lasting support networks to encourage long-term commitments to children and the work of child welfare.

Presenters offer their expertise in various forms during the convention from poster sessions to workshops to plenary sessions. Their willingness to offer their expertise for FREE helps us to keep training costs down for families.



The National Call for Presenters

The NFPA Annual Convention is an exciting opportunity for skilled professionals, researchers, and families to share their experiences and work, so that others are able to utilize the ideas and information to improve the lives of children and youth. As compensation for your contribution as a presenter, we are pleased to offer a free registration to the entire convention, including applicable convention meals and snacks. We hope you will take this opportunity to not only share your expertise, but benefit from the expertise of others as well.

If you would like to be considered as a presenter please complete the online application. All submissions must be completed electronically no later than November 10, 2014.

Submit your presentations at:

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/nfpa-presenter2015>
Questions: 800-557-5238 or rmertz@nfpaonline.org

Presentation Styles Requested:

Friday, June 26, 2015

Flight Deck

This is an interactive learning opportunity consisting of numerous poster sessions from practitioners, parents, researchers, trainers, and others. During poster sessions, the presenters are all in the same general session room and stand-by their exhibits with handouts and/or slideshows to demonstrate their field of interest, answer questions, and discuss their work with participants. Poster sessions are essential to the success of the convention as it provides opportunities for an interactive learning experience for participants.

Topic areas of interest include, but are not limited to: birth parents, kinship care, adoption assistance, special education, fatherhood, incarcerated parents, family engagement, support group, respite care, post-secondary education, and much more.

Workshops

Workshops are scheduled throughout the convention as the standard learning model for our participants. The workshops range from 2-hour to 1.5-hour time slots. The most successful workshops include multi-media presentations, such as video, handouts, and interactive discussions and activities. Workshop presenters are asked to bring their own laptops and projectors as well as any handouts.

Please tailor your workshop title and description to reflect a nautical theme. We will be looking for new and creative approaches, as well as answers to many of the same issues faced by today's children/ youth in foster care and those who provide a safe nurturing home on a temporary or permanent basis.

Topic areas of interest include, but are not limited to: mental health, developmental services, special education, legislation, health care, birth families, kinship care, family engagement, fatherhood initiatives, incarceration, juvenile justice, adoption assistance, state-of-the-art programs and initiatives, and much more.

Facilitated Learning Session on Communications

This session is designed to offer participants an interactive learning opportunity to hone their communication, negotiation, and advocacy skills. This session is not topical to foster care, kinship care, or adoption, but rather a skills building opportunity for improving caregivers success rate in getting what they need for the children living in their homes.

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DRAFT Program Outline

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The Data Academy: Data Findings: Children and Adolescent Challenges and Services (1.5 hours)

The Brain Academy: Brain Research influencing Diagnosis and Treatment (1.5 hours)

The Treatment Academy: Psychotropics and Other Treatment Phenomena (1.5 hours)

National *Walk Me Home* on the Riverfront

Opening Reception with National Anthem and Welcome

Friday, June 26, 2015

Marketplace

Exhibition Hall

The Flight Deck: Poster Sessions... Interactive training based on your interests (1.5 hours)

The Federal Collaborations between Child Welfare, Housing, and Education (2 hours)

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Workshops (2 hours)

Fishbowl Event: Life in Flux...Foster Care Alumni (1.5 hours)

Workshops (2 hours)

Mini-Workshops (1.5 hours)

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Marketplace

Exhibition Hall

Mess Hall with the Military: Military Impact on Kinship & Foster Care (1.5 hours)

Facilitated Learning: Getting Your Black Belt in Negotiating for what Children Need (1.5 hours)

Fishbowl Event: Family Engagement Modeling (1 Hour)

Feeding Families: Nutrition and Health (1.5 hours)

Workshops (2 Hours)

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Maritime Gala and Youth Talent Show

Sunday, June 28, 2015

NFPA Membership Breakfast Meeting

Making Adoption a Reality for Children (.5 hours)

Closing Workshop (1.5 hours) “Putting the Humor in Parenting” Interactive...play and learn!

