Call For Proposals

2016 Georgia Family Engagement Conference
February 4-6, 2016 | The Classic Center | Athens, Georgia

Strengthening PARTNERSHIPS.
Creating POSSIBILITIES.
Maximizing POTENTIAL.

Families | Educators | Communities | Students
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The 2016 Georgia Family Engagement Conference, a partnership of Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Communities In Schools of Georgia, and United Way of Greater Atlanta, invites you to submit a response to this Call For Proposals to be a presenter conducting a breakout session at the statewide conference. Presentation proposals may be submitted by anyone with an expertise of interest to parents, educators, students, and community groups. To ensure your presentation meets the goals and objectives of this conference, the proposal submission guidelines are included in this packet.

The proposal for a breakout session must be emailed by Tuesday, November 17, 2015 to: kjones@doe.k12.ga.us

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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Amanda Morgan
Opening General Session
Keynote Speaker
February 4, 2016

Dr. Francisco Guajardo
Morning General Session
Keynote Speaker
February 5, 2016

Manny Scott
Closing General Session
Keynote Speaker
February 6, 2016

Arianne B. Weldon
Featured Speaker
Parent Leadership Session
February 4, 2016

Dr. Grant Rivera
Featured Speaker
Educator Session
February 4, 2016

For the speakers’ bios, please refer to the Conference Information Packet, found on the Conference webpage.
At-A-Glance Conference Overview

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THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2016

8:00 am–3:00 pm Exhibitors and Sponsors Move In, Grand Hall 6-7
11:00 am–6:00 pm Conference Registration, Atrium
1:30 pm–3:00 pm **Featured Conference Sessions**
◆ Educators/Administrators Session, Grand Hall 1-2
  Principals Panel, facilitated by Dr. Grant Rivera, Chief Leadership & Learning Officer, Cobb County School District
◆ Parent Leadership Session, Grand Hall 4-5
  Facilitated by Arianne B. Weldon, Director of Get Georgia Reading
3:00 pm–4:00 pm Afternoon Break, Exhibits Open, Grand Hall 6-7
4:00 pm–6:00 pm **OPENING GENERAL SESSION** - Keynote Speaker: Amanda Morgan, Not Just Cute, Intentional Whole Child Development, Theatre
6:00 pm–8:00 pm **Exhibitors Reception** hosted by Communities In Schools of Georgia and United Way of Greater Atlanta, Grand Hall 6 & 7

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2016

8:00 am–12:00 pm Conference Registration, Atrium
8:00 am– 9:00 am Continental Breakfast, Atrium / Exhibits Open, Grand Hall 6-7
9:00 am–10:30 am **MORNING GENERAL SESSION** - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Francisco Guajardo, Professor & C. Bascom Stemp Endowed Chair, Department of Educational Leadership, University of Texas Pan American, Theatre
10:45 am–12:00 pm **Workshop Session I** (14 workshops and 1 Exhibitor/Sponsor workshop)
12:00 pm–1:30 pm **TICKETED LUNCH** - Hosted by Georgia Department of Education for Conference attendees; and Hosted by Communities In Schools of Georgia and United Way of Greater Atlanta for Exhibitors and Sponsors
1:30 pm–2:45 pm **Workshop Session II** (14 workshops and 1 Exhibitor/Sponsor workshop)
2:45 pm–3:30 pm Afternoon Break, Exhibits Finale, Grand Hall 6-7
3:30 pm–4:45 pm **Workshop Session III** (14 workshops and 1 Exhibitor/Sponsor workshop)
4:45 pm Night on the Town (on your own)

9:45 am–10:00 am Mid-morning Break
10:00 am–12:00 pm **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION** - Keynote Speaker: Manny Scott, Original Freedom Writer, INK, Theatre

Conference Strands
- Research-Based Best Practices for Family Engagement
- Parent Leadership and Skills Building
- Student Support and Achievement Resources for Parents
- Engaging Families of Young Children (Ages Birth to 8 years)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Parental Involvement Compliance Requirements

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 6, 2016

7:30 am–8:30 am Continental Breakfast, Stations at Various Locations
8:30 am–9:45 am **Workshop Session IV** (12 workshops and 1 Exhibitor/Sponsor workshop)
9:45 am–10:00 am Mid-morning Break
10:00 am–12:00 pm **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION** - Keynote Speaker: Manny Scott, Original Freedom Writer, INK, Theatre
12:00 pm Conference Concludes

*This conference schedule is subject to change.*
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Proposal Submission Guidelines

• To be considered, **completed proposal applications must be submitted by Tuesday, November 17, 2015.** Any applications received after this date will be retained for future consideration or to fill vacancies should they arise. Submission of a completed proposal application **does not** guarantee selection.

• Presentations must be free of all commercial references and may not directly, or indirectly, promote any product, service or organization. If you are a vendor wishing to learn more about how you can participate in this conference, please contact Donna Kosicki, Event Coordinator, at 678-472-1802 or connect2016fec@gmail.com.

• Presenters must be willing to share their expertise **without expectation of payment or consultant fees in the spirit of networking,** which means conference registration fees will not be waived for presenters and co-presenters attending the conference. **The conference does not provide complimentary registration or travel expenses to lead presenters or co-presenters.** Presenters who are only presenting their session will not be required to register; however, if you would like to attend additional sessions then you must register.

• Presentations are limited to one hour and fifteen minutes (1 hour, 15 minutes).

• Each presentation must have one lead presenter and may include co-presenters. It is the lead presenter’s responsibility to communicate all conference information in a timely manner to co-presenters.

• Preference is given to presentations that best fit the framework of the statewide conference. This includes practical, innovative, and immediately applicable goals and tools that will improve the participants’ effectiveness regarding family engagement in education.

• Your proposal must be submitted and include:

  • **Presenter Information:** Each presentation must have one lead presenter. The lead presenter may include co-presenters in their presentation and reference them on the application.

  • **Session Strand:** Select one of the five conference strands most appropriate for your presentation.

  • **Session Objectives:** State two objectives that participants can expect to obtain.

  • **Session Title:** The title is limited to 10 words and should spark participants’ interest.

  • **Session Description:** The description must not exceed 100 words. Participants will choose to attend your presentation based on its title and description; therefore, it is essential that the description accurately reflect the content of the presentation and include references to practices, programs, or innovative ideas.

  • **Presentation Methods:** Identify the methods you will employ to present your information.
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- **Presenter Preferences**: Indicate preference of date and time as well as willingness to present more than once.

- **Target Audience**: Select the most appropriate audience(s) for your session.

- **Audio/Visual Equipment**: Check the equipment needs for your session.

- **Introduction for Breakout Session**: The introduction must not exceed 100 words and will be used by a facilitator to introduce both the lead presenter and any co-presenters.

- All applicants will be electronically notified regarding the acceptance of their proposal by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**.

- Those applicants who are accepted will also receive a proposed presentation schedule. You must be willing to present on any date or time as assigned for the overall benefit of the conference.

- Presenters will be notified of their presentation room capacity.

- Lead presenters will be asked to submit a copy of handouts, presentation slides, or any materials for the session in electronic form by **Monday, January 11, 2016**. This is essential as participants will be receiving access to all conference handouts prior to the conference. If hard copies of handouts and any other items are required for the session, they must be provided by presenters. The Georgia Department of Education will not check for spelling or formatting errors; however, content will be reviewed for appropriate text that is free of commercial references.

- During the conference, a Hospitality Room for rest and relaxation with light refreshments will be available to all presenters and their co-presenters.

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