

2020 Council on Early Childhood (COEC) Program

Date: The Council on Early Childhood (COEC) Program will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. (Room location TBD)

Topics-General: Any aspect of highlighting successful approaches to promoting optimal early brain and child development, the impact of early education and childcare, parenting, and early screening.

- Example topics are anything related to prevention and wellness in early childhood, early learning and literacy, social emotional development, parent education, early screening and referral for behavioral and developmental concerns, comprehensive systems building and collaboration, and promotion of positive parenting, childcare and early education experiences. Also, topics that focus on the negative impact of inadequate services and toxic stressors to developmental and behavioral outcomes.
- Specific approaches that highlight unique needs and approaches in diverse communities and populations are welcome.
- Submissions describing partnerships between pediatricians and public health agencies, educational institutions, professional and community-based organizations, and governmental entities; pediatrician participation in state early childhood advisory councils and quality rating systems; and programs that facilitate parent/patient's engagement are especially encouraged.
- Abstracts will be reviewed in relation to the problem or gap being addressed; the method or approach being utilized to address the problem or gap; the findings, results or progress; and the implications and importance for early childhood

Topic-Practice Approaches:

- Best practices for early childhood screening (including, but not limited to, family risk assessments, developmental, social emotional, maternal/caregiver depression and early childhood trauma screens).
- Outreach of pediatricians to early education and childcare providers to improve implementation of special care plans and overall health and safety of the children in their communities.
- Integration of programs and co-location of social emotional and early learning support in practice (e.g. mental health support or Reach Out and Read).
- Innovative care coordination in practice models.
- Approaches that directly address and support executive function in practice.
- Integration of early childhood topic in patient-centered medical home (PCMH), quality improvement (QI), and/or electronic health record (EHR) implementation.
- Integration of early childhood topic in the education of residents, medical students, and/or other early childhood clinical providers Community Approaches.

- Successful models of partnering with community organizations and utilizing community resources to address and promote early child topics, including CBPR (community-based participatory research) approaches.
- Successful models highlighting and supporting childcare health consultants and mental health consultants.
- Community asset mapping for early childhood issues.
- Innovative approaches towards supporting home visiting and childcare programs.
- Opportunities for pediatricians to participate in early education and childcare settings (including early Head Start, pre-school, family childcare, home visiting, etc.).

Topic-Policy Approaches:

- Best practices for influencing policies that promote early childhood development.
- Advocating for state childcare quality rating systems.
- Participating in state Early Childhood Advisory Councils.
- Developing state early screening systems.
- Core funding and policies to influence and promote early brain and child development (EBCD).
- Sustaining funding for successful innovative quality improvement strategies

Submission Types: Original Research, Program Evaluation, or Quality Improvement

Structure: Please structure abstracts as appropriate to the focus and methodology of your proposal, e.g., background/problem, objectives/goals, methods, results/progress and discussion/implications. This structure can be modified as needed to improve clarity and relevance to your work.

Presentation Formats: Oral Podium and Poster Only

Internal Review Board: Prior IRB approval will be required for submissions involving human subjects research.

Prior Publication: Submission will not preclude future submission for journal publication, nor does prior presentation or acceptance at another medical or scientific meeting disqualify submission to the Council. Priority may be given to abstracts not previously presented.

Awards: The top two abstracts will be awarded the opportunity to deliver a brief (5 minute) oral podium presentation. All winners will be selected by the COEC Abstract Review Committee.

- Best Poster Presentation Certificate
- Best Poster Presentation from a Young Scholar Certificate (Authors who are within 10 years of medical school graduation will be considered).

Sponsorship:

Submitters will need a sponsor if they are not members of COEC. It is the responsibility of the individual submitting the abstract to identify and collaborate with a sponsor who, in turn, is responsible to assure adherence to all guidelines. Authors who are in search of a sponsor may contact Alan Mendelsohn at alms@nyu.edu for advice.

Questions:

For questions about abstract submission guidelines, contact Charlotte Zia at czia@aap.org.

Withdrawal:

To withdraw your abstract, email your request to abstracts@aap.org no later than August 21, 2020.