

Why I Must Attend the 36th International Symposium on Child Abuse

Dear

The National Children's Advocacy Center is hosting the 36th International Symposium on Child Abuse, March 23-26, 2020 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama. I am writing to request approval and funding to attend this important training opportunity.

The *International Symposium on Child Abuse* consists of more than 170 workshops presented by the best child maltreatment researchers and practitioners. These workshops include new research and breakthroughs influencing our response to allegations of abuse and the prevention of abuse.

Attending this conference will also allow me the opportunity to network with more than 1,600 professionals, including delegates from at least seven countries. These types of relationships will help strengthen my skills and provide invaluable support.

Over several days of intensive learning, I will interact with our field's top experts, hear first-hand accounts from experienced professionals, and could receive continuing education credits from select workshops. What I learn during this conference will benefit our entire agency, as I will bring researched-based teachings and methodologies, along with an implementation plan, home to share with my colleagues. I will attend workshops that will benefit the following areas:

Registration for the 36th International Symposium on Child Abuse (*Symposium*) will open in October. If I register before January 24, 2020, the registration fee is discounted by \$50. Registration includes transportation to and from the training venue and official *Symposium* hotels; opening plenary session and all workshops; continental breakfast and lunch each day; as well as select evening networking events, including a tour of the National Children's Advocacy Center. An optional pre-conference workshop is also available for an additional \$99 fee. The approximate breakdown of costs (below) includes the early registration discount and booking at an official *Symposium* hotel:

Airfare to Huntsville International Airport	\$
Ground Transportation from airport to hotel.....	\$30 - \$35
Hotel	\$
Registration Fee *	\$589
Pre-Conference Workshop (optional)	\$99
Continuing Education Credit Application Fee (optional)	\$35
Total.....	\$

(* To receive the early registration discount, payment must be postmarked on or before January 24, 2020. After the deadline, the registration fee increases to \$639.)

For more information regarding the 36th International Symposium on Child Abuse, visit symposium.nationalcac.org.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing this with you in detail.

Best,