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We are now seeking abstracts for poster and podium presentations for the 3rd Biennial Conference on Caregiving Research

September 25-27, 2024

Pittsburgh, PA

Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice

Third Biennial Conference on Caregiving Research

This conference will bring together an interdisciplinary group of national leaders in caregiving research, policy, and practice across the lifespan. Sessions will *showcase innovations in research*, *build bridges across disciplines and conditions* and *connect caregiving research to* policy to address the urgent community, clinical, and policy needs of family caregivers.

Key Dates and Information

Conference Date and Location:
September 25- September 27, 2024; Pittsburgh, PA

ABSTRACTS
Submission Deadline: Sunday, April 7, 2024 by 11:59 pm (ET)

LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS:

Late Breaking Submission Site Opens Monday, June 3, 2024

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 24, 2024 by 11:59 pm (ET)
Please note: The number of late-breaking abstracts will be limited. Only abstracts with new data / findings that were not able to be submitted during the regular abstract submission window will be considered.

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Conference Objectives:

- Foster new cross-disciplinary collaborations to generate novel solutions; to advance caregiving research, policy, and practice;
- Train the next generation of caregiving researchers;
- Identify critical policy and health system levers that could improve practice and caregiver- and care recipient-centered outcomes; and
- Develop recommendations for essential caregiving data elements needed to advance research, policy, and practice at the community, state, and national level.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The National Center on Family Support (NCFS) invites abstracts from individuals and/or interdisciplinary teams that address caregiving research, practice, and policy across the lifespan. Of particular interest are abstracts that reflect innovative methods or findings to advance caregiving research, especially among under-represented communities. Suggested themes include, but are not limited to research that:

1. Addresses the 5 goals of the RAISE National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers;
2. Informs and evaluates state and national policies and policy changes affecting families living with disabilities and other chronic conditions;
3. Developing, testing, and implementing caregiver/dyadic/family interventions, including policy and practice interventions at scale;
4. Examines the intersection of family and paid caregivers; and
5. Derives from or partners with community organizations, agencies, populations, or citizens.

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Presenter Guidelines:

- The presenting author should be listed first, and be the corresponding author for communication with NCFS;
- Presenting authors are allowed a maximum of two (2) abstract submissions per conference. There is no limit to co-authorship;
- Presenting authors on all accepted abstracts must register and pay for the conference and present the abstract. Co-authors cannot present in place of the primary author without prior notification; and
- Presenting authors will be required to submit a conflict-of -interest disclosure following abstract acceptance.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Submission Deadline/Due Date: Sunday, April 7 by 11:59 pm (ET);**
- **Late-breaking Submission Deadline/Due Date: Monday, June 24 by 11:59 pm (ET);**
- If you have any difficulty submitting your abstract or need to make changes once it has been submitted, please email us. Once the abstract submission deadline has passed, no further changes will be accepted.
- We recommend checking word count prior to entering the abstract onto the submission site; and
- A confirmation email will be sent to the presenting author once your abstract has been successfully submitted.

Notification and Presentation:

- Email notification of abstract acceptance will be sent to presenting author on **Monday, May 20, 2024** for the main submission deadline, and **Monday, August 12, 2024** for late-breaking abstracts;
- Posters should be developed and printed for display at the conference. Accepted abstracts will be featured in one of two 2-hour poster and networking receptions; and
- A limited number of abstracts will be selected for either featured plenary presentations or break-out sessions. You will see an option on the online submission form to indicate your willingness to be considered for a presentation.

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Abstract Instructions

Please read through the following instructions carefully before submitting an abstract. NCFS recommends that you use the worksheet **(Appendix A)** in this planning guide to collect materials for your abstract before entering them into the submission site. If you have further questions, contact **caregiving@pitt.edu**.

Abstract Criteria:

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words
- Provide:
  - Abstract Title (no more than 100 characters)
  - Keywords: (Provide up to three)
  - Learning Objective: (Please provide ONE learning objective for your presentation that may be used in the evaluation process.)
  - Abstract Body (maximum of 300 words) divided into the following sections:
    - Background and Purpose
    - Methods
    - Results
    - Discussion
    - Implications for research, policy, and/or practice
  - Presenting Author and Co-Author information

Thank you for submitting your abstract to the Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice!

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APPENDIX A: Abstract Submission Planning Worksheet

Use this worksheet to help prepare your abstracts for electronic submission.

Abstract Title (maximum of 100 characters, including spaces; must be in title case format):

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Keywords: (Provide up to three)

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Learning Objective: (Please provide ONE learning objective for your presentation that may be used in the evaluation process)

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Abstract Body (maximum of 300 words; divided into the following sections: Background and Purpose; Methods; Results; Discussion; Implications for research, policy, and/or practice):

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NOTE: Author information (name, credentials, institution/organization name, city, state, country) will appear exactly as submitted in meeting materials.

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