



# 10<sup>th</sup> Central Texas African American Family Support Conference

*“Beyond the Illness: The Voice of One, the Power of Many”*

## CALL FOR PAPERS

In its tenth year, the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC) is hosted by the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center and sponsored by community partners from the public and private sectors. This year's conference theme **“Beyond the Illness: The Voice of One, the Power of Many”** emphasizes the conference mission to strengthen family and individual awareness of available health care services, behavioral and physical, through culturally sensitive education, supports, and partnerships.

The CTAAFSC provides information and education to consumers, families and the community about mental health and intellectual disabilities, chemical dependence, co-occurring disorders, and physical health issues. The conference targets the African American community and embraces all community members regardless of race or ethnicity, and conference participation at all levels has been across racial and ethnic lines. Read more about the CTAAFSC at [ctaafsc.org](http://ctaafsc.org).

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY, October 6, 2009**

### *Call for Paper Requirements*

Conference abstracts requirements are as follows:

1. Identify whether applying for a Credit Education Unit (CEU):
  - a. **Non-CEU:** For general public, families, consumers and professionals **OR**
  - b. **CEU:** For healthcare professionals seeking CEU's. The general public, families, and consumers are invited to attend these sessions;
2. Abstracts must be no longer than 250 words; anything exceeding this limit will not be included; **Submit a complete profile if applying for CEU's.** A clearly articulated goal and intended learning outcomes constitutes a complete profile;
3. The author's name can not appear anywhere on the abstract;
4. Must indicate presentation category theme as related to submitted abstract.

### *Abstract Submissions and Topics*

The CTAAFSC welcomes submissions on topics such mental health, chemical dependency, criminal justice, cultural competency, etc. The CTAAFSC is accepting abstracts for Workshops, Tutorials, Presentations, Panel Discussions, and Films. These abstracts are used by the panel of judges to make an informed decision during the selection process and provide conference attendees information about your session.

### *Session Format*

All sessions are one and a half hours long (90 minutes) and should include time for the presentation and audience questions. Most sessions will have 50 to 70 attendees.

### *Submitting the Call for Papers*

#### **Via Email**

All applications must be completed online. Please go to [www.ctaafsc.com](http://www.ctaafsc.com) and click on “Call for Papers”. For CEU submittal the professional goal and intended learning outcomes are required in the abstract profile. **Abstracts applying for CEU's without a completed profile will not be accepted.**

**Deadline: October 6, 2009**

Applicants will be notified by **Friday, October 23, 2009** if their application has been accepted. The conference program will be available to applicants in **January 2010**. If your submission is accepted, all presentation materials (handouts, PowerPoints, etc.) are due **January 11, 2010**.