



## Call for Abstracts

### *Workshop Presentations and Posters - Applications due June 1, 2009*

**Conference background:** The March of Dimes, Ohio Chapter is releasing this call for abstracts to identify workshop speakers and poster presenters for a statewide conference on **November 16 and 17, 2009** in **Columbus, Ohio**. Attendees will include physicians, nurses, social workers, dietitians, public health professionals, and other allied health professionals. Continuing education credits will be provided. The March of Dimes conference will focus on “Improving the Grade,” referencing the March of Dimes’ 2008 release of a report card identifying each state’s progress in achieving a premature birth rate aligned with Healthy People 2010 goals. Ohio, like the nation, received a “D” grade and is focusing on efforts that will draw all partners to the table to advance the March of Dimes mission toward prematurity prevention. Additionally, the conference will encompass the broad scope of March of Dimes’ mission to improve the health of all babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. We will accept abstracts related to preconception/interconception care, pregnancy and childbirth, infant mortality, and caring for the neonate with special health needs.

**Topic:** Workshops and posters at the March of Dimes conference will focus on all aspects of the March of Dimes mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Workshops and/or posters should focus on interventions that aim to identify and modify biomedical, behavioral and social risks to a woman's health or pregnancy outcome through prevention and management, emphasizing those factors which must be acted on before conception or early in pregnancy to have maximum impact. Workshops and/or posters also may focus on infant mortality, medical advances in caring for the neonate with special health needs, and support of families caring for those infants.

## Abstract Application

**Title of Session/Poster:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Presenter/Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County (where agency is located):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Presenters/Authors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the area which best describes your workshop and/or poster:**

- Clinical – includes presentations on direct care (including Centering Pregnancy Programs), protocol, interventions, best practices, quality improvement, etc.
- Consumer education and outreach – includes presentations on messaging, outreach, focus groups, etc.
- Public health – includes presentations on data, population-based services
- Policy/finance – includes presentations on third party billing, legislation, etc.
- Program – includes presentations on emerging best practices within an existing program
- Research – includes latest scientific advances and research related to healthy birth outcomes

**Presentation and/or poster is specific to:**

- Preconception/interconception period
- Pregnancy and childbirth
- Infant mortality
- Caring for or supporting the neonate with special health needs

**Format** (please check all that apply):

- This proposal is for a workshop presentation only.
- This proposal is for a poster session only.
- This proposal could be considered for either a workshop or poster session.
- This abstract proposes only one speaker for this session.
- More than one speaker will participate in the workshop session as part of this abstract.
- This presentation could be part of a panel with related speakers.
- This presentation could NOT be part of a panel with related speakers.
- Someone could be available to present this poster during a reception.

**Please complete workshop/poster session details below.**

Presentation/poster title:

Presentation/poster description for conference brochure [75 word maximum]:

Abstract [350 word maximum]:

Learning objectives (please provide three objectives for your presentation or poster)

At the end of this presentation/after reviewing the poster, attendees will be able to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Biosketch of presenter(s) or author(s) including educational background, work experience, prior speaking engagements:

Additional information:

*All potential workshop and/or poster presenters must complete this Abstract Application Form and submit via email to Becky Johnson Rescola at [bjohnson-rescola@marchofdimes.com](mailto:bjohnson-rescola@marchofdimes.com). **All abstracts for posters or workshops must be submitted no later than June 1, 2009.** Applicants will be notified of outcome by July 15, 2009. Acceptance as a workshop and/or poster presenter does not include conference registration. Those interested in attending the full conference should register separate from this application. Workshop presenters are NOT required to register for the full conference but must be available for scheduled workshop and/or attended poster sessions. Please contact Becky at [bjohnson-rescola@marchofdimes.com](mailto:bjohnson-rescola@marchofdimes.com) or 614-231-7935 with any questions.*