



The Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth (OARTY) is a leading organization setting the standards for quality residential care and treatment for children, youth and young adults in Ontario. We are a collective voice for Ontario's vulnerable populations and for the residential service providers that serve them. Our members provide homes, help and hope to thousands each year. Our members care for a wide variety of children, youth, and young adults in need, including those suffering the aftermath of abuse and neglect, requiring 24/7 care due to medical needs, and those with developmental challenges, among others. OARTY members provide vital support, a place to call home and faces that become family.

OARTY is inviting proposals from speakers for the KIND Event (Knowledge, Information and Networking Day), being held Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Topics

The educational program will present a range of topics relevant to child welfare and residential services. Presentations should be tailored to Advanced and Intermediate audiences. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Leading practices in residential care
- Rate review process
- Cultural competency
- Client-focused/clinical presentations
- Personal development (stress management, leadership skills)
- Laws and regulation
- HR and staffing/foster workshops

Proposals for presentations that are not related to the educational streams described above will also be considered if the content, speaker and/or topic are relevant and of interest to our members. Speaker sessions are approximately one hour in length. Please note that the KIND event seeks to educate its audience and *not promote any specific products*. **Only presentations that are product-neutral will be considered.**

Speaker Recognition

Invited speakers will be recognized through promotion of the event, and receive complimentary registration for the event and lunch. All selected content will be published on the OARTY website.

Next Steps

We invite you to submit a brief proposal via email no longer than two pages in length which should outline the following:

- A link to an online video of the speaker presenting to an audience (if available)
- A 100-word abstract suitable for inclusion in marketing material (event website, event program).

Should you have any questions regarding this RFP, please contact Erin Vanderstelt at (905) 475-KIDS (5437) or by email at evanderstelt@oarty.net

Deadline for Proposals: Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Please submit proposals electronically to the attention of:

Erin Vanderstelt, CAE

Membership and Events Manager

Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth

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Please indicate **OARTY KIND Speaker Proposal** in the subject line of the e-mail.

Final selection of speakers to be made on or before **Thursday, August 24, 2017**.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and interest in OARTY!