



2009 Conference Call for Papers

APIN's 1st National Conference created for all of those with an interest in adolescent parenting. This includes, but is not limited to, child welfare workers, guidance counselors, public health nurses, home visitors, family educators, health practitioners, administrators, clinic directors, health lay workers, teachers, social service agency staff and management, policy makers, academics and community members.

“Adolescent Health, Pregnancy & Parenting

For professionals working with adolescent parents:

Tools to understand and promote happy secure relationships

between teens and their children”

May 7 & 8, 2009

Victoria Hotel Winnipeg, MB

The Adolescent Parent Interagency Network (APIN) is proud to announce the 1st Western Conference with a focus on pregnant and parenting adolescents. The conference will feature keynote speakers **Dr. Harvey Karp and Kim Barthel**. Dr. Karp, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics UCLA, is a renowned pediatrician and child development specialist. His discovery of an infant calming reflex is being used across North America to promote good parenting and to help prevent child abuse, SIDs and post-partum depression. Dr. Karp's landmark books and DVDs, “The Happiest Baby on the Block” and “The Happiest Toddler on the Block” are revolutionizing the way our culture understand the needs of young children. Kim Barthel has brought the concepts of sensory processing to diverse populations, including children and adults with autism, attention deficit disorder, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, but more profoundly to populations with complex disorders combining psychiatric etiology and attachment based challenges. Recently Kim has expanded her practice to include a blend of sensory processing intervention with counseling for teens and adults experiencing anxiety, depression, phobia and dysregulation.

APIN invites the submission of proposals for poster displays, discussions, and presentations of creative projects, research and evaluation at this innovative national conference. Topics with a focus on the adolescent may include but are not limited to themes such as:

- Pregnancy/Parenting/Health
- Brain Development
- Attachment
- Social and Education Determinants
- Collaborative or Interdisciplinary Services
- Policy

The APIN steering committee will employ a “blind” review process to select projects for presentation. Winning submissions must be presented in person during the May 7 & 8th conference in Winnipeg, MB.

Criteria for selection:

- a. Originality of work,
- b. Relevance to conference themes
- c. Timeliness
- d. Quality, clarity, and completeness of the abstract
- e. Significance for improving the quality of services for pregnant & parenting adolescents

Presentation Formats:

Poster Displays

Applicants can display their research projects that are either completed or in-progress at a special poster session during the conference.

Breakout Sessions

Presentation of current research papers, programs or discussions related to either the keynote speaker's topics or topics of interest to potential participants as listed above in criteria. These sessions will be approximately 60 – 90 minutes in length with time allotted for questions and answers.

Proposal Guidelines:

Members of the APIN planning committee will review and select appropriate proposals.

Proposals for the sessions should be written in English, and include the following:

1. Name and address of author/presenter
2. Email address of author/presenter
3. Affiliation
4. Title of presentation
5. Indication of whether the submission is submitted for a Poster Display or to be offered as a Breakout Session
6. Audio/Visual requirements for the presentation
7. An abstract of 400-500 words (excluding references) which should include:
 - a. theoretical background of the presentation
 - b. purpose (aim) of the presentation
 - c. method of information collection
 - d. a synthesis of the content
 - e. conclusions and implications of the presentation.

Please complete the submission form on p.3 and submit to Dana Hay, via email at info@apin.org by October 27, 2008. All inquiries regarding this request for proposals should be addressed to Dana Hay at info@apin.org. No monetary awards are available for presenters and all travel and accommodation costs will be the responsibility of the presenter/s.

About APIN:

The Adolescent Parent Interagency Network (APIN) is a broad network of agencies and professionals in Manitoba who meet monthly with the goal of ensuring high quality services to pregnant and parenting adolescents. Members of APIN are linked together because of a common concern for the challenges facing pregnant and parenting adolescents. The Network facilitates the sharing of information related to existing services and resources. APIN is funded by Healthy Child Manitoba.

**Presentation Submission**

Title of Presentation:

Name and Address of Presenter/s and/or Author/s:

Email Address of Primary Contact:

Affiliation:

- Poster Display**
- Breakout Session**

Audio/Visual Requirements:

Abstract: