



2022 First Up Conference Request for Workshop Proposal

Friday, April 29th & Saturday, April 30th

All proposals due no later than **Friday, October 15th, 2021**

About the Conference: The First Up Conference is a two-day opportunity for several hundred early education professionals to come together for a shared learning and community-building experience. The First Up Conference is a beloved annual event for our community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, First Up is planning to host this event in a hybrid model that will allow (under the guidance of local and national restrictions) participants to attend an in-person component in Philadelphia on Friday, April 29th and to participate in a virtual component on Saturday, April 30th. The virtual component will be held on an immersive event platform called Accelevents.

Conference Focus Topics: This year's conference is titled "*Creating Nurturing Early Childhood Education Spaces*." We are particularly interested in workshops on the following topics: Culture, Diversity, & Inclusion, Early Child Development, Emergent Literacy (ESL, ELL and Dual-Language Learners), Learning Environments, Family and Community Engagement in ECE, Effects of Adversity, Male Engagement in ECE, Public Policy and Advocacy for ECE, Racial & Social Inequities in ECE, Self-Care Routines for the Practitioner, Social and Emotional Learning and Development, and Trauma-Informed Care. Other workshop topics are welcome!

About the Application Process: All proposals are due by **Friday, October 15th, 2021**. Submitted proposals are evaluated by a diverse team of ECE experts for content and relevance to the conference focus topics. Applicants will be notified by e-mail in around the end of October if their proposals have been accepted. Please complete the form below in its entirety, including your preferred date for presentation. For specific questions about the review process, please contact Alix Cozen at alix.cozen@firstup.org.

General Presentation Information: This conference will be presented 1st day in person and 2nd day virtually. Workshops are 60-minutes in length and should include at least 15 minutes of hands-on or discussion activities. Presenters must adhere to the program schedule. Conference participants will receive professional development credit and are expected to attend workshops for the full time allotted for each session.

Please Note: All virtual workshops will be pre-recorded and live streamed during the virtual conference, with the expectation that presenters will be present at the stream and facilitate discussion via the chat box to create an engaging experience for all participants.

Presenters are responsible for providing their own handouts if they choose. First Up will make any digital handouts received by **Friday, April 1st, 2022** available to participants for download on the event website prior to the event.

Workshops are meant to be learning experiences. The presentation must not be a promotion or endorsement of a commercial product or a for-profit program. Sessions that violate this agreement are subject to cancellation.

Compensation: All confirmed presenters at the First Up Conference will receive a complimentary event registration. These registrations are non-transferable. First Up has a limited speaker honorarium budget, if you require an honorarium, please include that information in your proposal.

Please direct all inquiries about presenter and workshop policies to Alix Cozen, Senior Professional Development Instructor at alix.cozen@firstup.org.

First Up Conference Workshop Proposal Form

Presenter Name(s):

(Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 presenters.)

Professional Title(s):

Place of Employment:

Presenter Bios: *(Bios should be written in the third person and limited to 150 words per presenter.)*

Presenter Professional Development Credentials:

(If any presenter would like to receive Professional Development Credits for sessions they attend, please provide relevant account information.)

PA Keys Registry ID Number(s):

Act 48 ID Number(s):

Primary Presenter Contact Information:

All communication will be directed through primary presenter's e-mail address.

Name: (if different from above):

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Preferred Presentation Date:

- Friday, April 29th (**in-person**)
- Saturday, April 30th (**virtual**)
- No Preference

Presentation Title:

(Presentation titles should not exceed 10 words. First Up reserves the right to edit titles for clarity, content, and style.)

Brief Description of Workshop:

(Description should not exceed 150 words and will be published on the event website. First Up reserves the right to edit workshop descriptions for clarity, content, and style.)

Presentation Learning Objectives:

(Objectives should not exceed three goals for each session)

- 1.
- 2.

3.

Primary Audience:

(Select which apply)

- Infant/Toddler
- Preschool
- K-3 (school age)
- Administration
- Families
- All Audiences
- Advocacy

Content Level for Audience:

(Select one)

- Emerging (Professionals that are just entering the field or are studying to become early childhood educators.)
- Established (Professionals that have been working in the field for a few years and are seeking additional skills and knowledge to enhance and extend their current practices.)
- Experienced (Professionals that have been working in the field for a number of years and are seeking challenging professional development to expand their existing skills, knowledge and practices, and introduce them to latest evidence-based practice.)
- Appropriate for all

Other Considerations:

Please send your completed form to Alix Cozen, Senior Professional Development Instructor at alix.cozen@firstup.org no later than October 15th, 2021, for consideration to present at the 2022 Conference. If you'd prefer to mail your application in – please contact Alix Cozen for details.