



Cultures of Collaboration
November 06–09, 2025

Envision * Inspire * Energize * Collaborate * Transform

2025 Call for Proposals

The Collaborative Professionals of Canada and the Collaborative Divorce Alberta Association, co-hosts, welcome proposals for presentations at the Canadian Collaborative Rocky Mountain Conference being held November 6-9, 2025 at the world-renowned Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta, Canada, a town nestled in the magnificent Canadian Rocky Mountains of Banff National Park.

Theme: Cultures of Collaboration

Culture is a concept that encompasses the **social behavior, institutions, and norms found in human societies**, as well as their knowledge, beliefs, arts and laws.

The need to develop compassionate, culturally-responsive collaborative and consensus-based models has never been greater than at this time. This conference will be a multi-layered, multi-national, multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural gathering. We will shine spotlights on transformative family justice cultures and models being developed and provided by experts from the many disciplines who have a place in the collaborative family law circle.

Embedding Strengths: Integrating Collaboration Within Community

We envision a forum that inspires, educates, energizes and celebrates Collaborative Practice and leadership in the evolution of transformative, inclusive, change models of family justice services locally, nationally, and across the globe.

Our conference will amplify the evolving culture of 'transformative family justice' manifested by collaborative consensual dispute resolution processes.

Honouring the foundation; evolving the future:

While reinforcing and refreshing collaborative skills developed during the first 25 years of capital “C” collaborative process, the conference will also hold space to envision the evolution of the next 25 years by asking “how do we nimbly collaborate with diverse disciplines and communities while engaged in dynamic systems change?”

We seek presentations from thought leaders and practitioners who can posit expanded collaborative models and skills to meet the access to justice needs of the larger community.

The conference will showcase emerging trends in collaborative dispute resolution culture while offering presentations which energize practitioners who use traditional collaborative approaches in their work. We want to hear unique ideas and learn about new tools through presentations that are specific to contemporary Collaborative Practice, or which expand the Collaborative Process through transformative systems change.

We envision expanded collaborative connections among the various communities in which we are rooted and seek ways that collaboration may break down barriers and enlarge access to family justice services.

La nécessité de développer des modèles de collaboration et de consensus respectueux de la culture et de la compassion n'a jamais été aussi grande qu'à l'heure actuelle.

Cette conférence est l'opportunité d'un échange et d'un rapprochement multiculturel, multidisciplinaire et multinational. Nous mettrons en lumière les cultures et les modèles transformateurs de justice familiale développés et fournis par des experts des nombreuses disciplines qui ont leur place dans le cercle du droit familial collaboratif.

Cette conférence propose une vitrine exceptionnelle aux idées innovatrices qui guideront l'émergence de la pratique collaborative contemporaine et viendront bonifier le dynamisme des approches collaboratives traditionnelles.

Nous recherchons des présentations de leaders d'opinion et de praticiens inspirants dont la contribution irait de pair avec une réflexion approfondie sur les

moyens de collaborer agilement avec diverses disciplines et communautés tout en étant engagés dans un changement de système dynamique de résolution des différends.

Suggested Topics:

Interdisciplinary presenters/panels are welcome and encouraged. Suggested workshop topics include, but are not limited to: -

- Collaborative Practice Models: Fitting the model to the family
- Varying Collaborative Practice Models while adhering to the IACP Ethical Standards: Do they work or not?
- Regenerative and generative approaches to collaboration
- Embedding Strengths: Integrating Collaborative Practice within community
- What is Collaborative Practice 2.0, and will it expand access to justice?
- Brain Science and Adverse Childhood Experiences – understanding families at the table
- Creative use of outside advisors, specialists, and experts
- Creative involvement of financial neutrals, mental health professionals, parenting experts, divorce coaches
- The New Collaborative Professional – case studies
- Leveraging technology and AI for Collaborative cases
- Application of Collaborative Practice processes in multi-ethnic, religious or cultural marital dissolution
- Culturally-sensitive dispute resolution
- Initiatives to invest in and support the next generation of Collaborative professionals
- Creating educational and practice partnerships (with courts, law schools, graduate schools, mental health professionals and financial professionals)
- Re-imagining Family Justice Services with our community (with courts of all levels, non-profit organizations, legal aid, judiciary, banks, social services, religious organizations, other dispute resolution organizations, bar associations, associations for mental health professionals, associations for financial professional, newcomer associations etc.)
- Methods to connect professionals who can serve clients not currently served by the Collaborative Practice community
- Intersection between Mediation and Collaborative Practice Models
- Indigenous collaborative resolution models and their use in community
- Enhancing collaborative practitioner skills and insight

Please design your 90-minute, 3-hour or 7-hour conference workshop for beginner, intermediate, or advanced experience levels.

Presentations may be general or discipline-specific for lawyers, mental health neutrals, financial neutrals, or allied professionals.

THE DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS 11:59 PM, April 6, 2025.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Presenters will receive a \$200 reduction in their conference registration fee, and digital prominence on the Conference Website and associated advertising.

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CANADIAN COLLABORATIVE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE: PRESENTER WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Please note: This form will not save information

*Please fill in fields, save to your device and submit it by pdf attachment to
info@canadiancollaborative.ca*

Workshop Title*

Number of Expected Presenters*

Primary Presenter First and Last Name*

All workshop related correspondences will be sent to this individual including the proposal submission confirmation.

Workshop Summary*

Please include a one (1) paragraph workshop description which will be used to promote your workshop on the registration website and in the conference brochure. No more than 70 words/600-character limit.

*This workshop is primarily designed for the following audience:**

This workshop is primarily designed for the following audience: Required field

Lawyers

Mental Health Professionals

Financial Professionals

Mediators / Arbitrators

ALL

If your workshop targets Mental Health Professionals, you must provide scholarly references published in peer-reviewed sources within the past five (5) years.

Please select the experience level of the workshop you will be presenting.*

Required field: Please select all applicable experience levels

Practitioner Beginner

Practitioner Intermediate

Practitioner Advanced

Collaborative Policy Development/Transformative Systems Change

Have you presented this workshop at a previous Collaborative Practice or other relevant conference?

Yes

No

Lack of prior experience will not disqualify presenters. First-timers are encouraged to apply.

Have you presented this workshop within the past 2 years?

Yes – please briefly describe

No

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DETAILS

Detailed Workshop Outline, Structure & Methodology*

Please use this section to include a detailed description of your presentation to include: 1. Outline and 2. Structure & Methodology (how you propose to present your workshop and whether you plan to use demonstrations, videos, and/or experimental exercises). 5,000-character limit.

Please briefly specify three learning objectives of the presentation. This is **REQUIRED** for your proposal to be considered.

Learning Objective 1*

Learning Objective 2*

Learning Objective 3*

Please provide the name and contact information of two (2) references who have previously witnessed your presentation.

Professional References*

PRESENTER INFORMATION

Primary Presenter's First and Last Name*

Primary Presenter's Email*

Primary Presenter's Organization*

Primary Presenter's Job Title*

Primary Presenter's Phone Number*

Primary Presenter's Full Address

Primary Presenter's Website

Presenters' Biography*

Please include a 7-10 sentence paragraph to be used for each presenter's introduction at the conference. (1,500 character limit)

Presenters' CV(s) and bio(s) - Please Attach for each Presenter

Presenters' PHOTO(s)- Please Attach

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT & DETAILS

The following standard equipment will be placed in each presentation location: LCD projector screen, flip chart, wireless internet (WIFI), podium, and microphones for each presenter. Presenters must provide their own laptop.

DEADLINE:

The conference Presenter's Committee should receive completed proposals no later than 11:59 p.m. April 6, 2025. Workshop selections will be confirmed after May 15, 2025. All applicants will be advised of the results of their application between May 16 and May 23, 2025. We thank you for the effort taken to make an application. All proposals will be given careful consideration by the Presenter Committee.

All materials which presenter(s) would like to be provided to participants will be required at least one month in advance of the conference.

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the Canadian Collaborative Rocky Mountain Conference.

Please Note: You will receive a confirmation email shortly after you email your pdf attachment submission to info@canadiancollaborative.ca If you do not receive a confirmation email, the form was not successfully submitted.