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Dear Valued Champion for Children Sponsor

Thank you for your consideration as Sponsor for the Annual Champion for Children Conference. This year our theme is **"Painting a Better World for Children"**.

The Champion for Children Conference is celebrating 25 years of providing quality training to those who serve the children and families of the Big Country. During this time of dramatic cuts to the federal budget, causing other conferences to shut down, travel and training budgets being reduced or cut completely, we are honored and grateful for the support of our partners and corporate sponsors and continue to seek and secure additional corporate sponsors and foundations, to allow us the opportunity to be non-reliant on federal government dollars for our ongoing success of training professionals who advocate for children. Champion for Children mission is to design a 1 ½ -day Conference to energize and mobilize people to put into action ideas that will improve the lives of abused children in our communities and to provide leadership on child abuse issues.

The Annual Champion for Children Conference is March 21-22, 2024, held in Abilene Texas. The conference will explore key themes related to resiliency in children and their families. This will include a focus on concepts and theories of resiliency in children and families across cultures, interventions that help build resiliency in children and families, including prevention and treatment, research methods and findings from the study of resiliency across cultures and contexts. This conference will be of interest to:

- law enforcement
- clinicians
- medical support nurses
- family workers
- social workers
- counselors
- educators
- child advocates
- youth workers
- community workers
- people from the voluntary sector

The conference serves as the "kick-off" event for Child Abuse Prevention month which is recognized every year in April. The conference hosts a special luncheon in honor of Texas children and Child Abuse Prevention month. The Champion for Children Luncheon recognizes individuals and businesses that make a positive difference in our area. In 2005, the Champion for Children awards were created to provide an opportunity for the community to come together and honor the often-unsung heroes who strive to help children overcome trauma and reclaim their lives. The award celebrates the life changing work of professionals in our community.

Champion for Children Conference is a grassroots organization of collaborative entities and does not have an independent 501 (c) (3), but a W9 is available upon request. We would like to thank you for considering our request to become a Champion for Children Sponsor. If you have any questions regarding our organization or the event being organized, please feel free to contact me at 325-280-6133.

Yours sincerely,
Kim Copeland
Exhibitor and Sponsorship Chair

Conference at a Glance

Conference Overview

In March 2024, the Champion for Children (C4C) conference will bring together more than 300 professionals from Big Country to discuss the importance of being advocates, champions and leaders against child abuse; and to learn best practices and current theories on ways to serve their client populations.

The conference offers an unparalleled opportunity to network with colleagues, meet state and national experts, and gain new knowledge and skills. As an exhibitor, you have the chance to make connections with attendees who are seeking information about products and services that can help them do their jobs and serve their clients more efficiently.

You will have an opportunity to meet key professionals with purchasing power, private practitioners that need small business products and services, and other helping professionals as they discover what's new, what's important, and what works, and how to apply the latest best practices in their daily work. Professionals are constantly looking for products and services that help streamline administrative efforts and increase positive outcomes for their clients. Conference participants will also return to work and educate their co-workers about their conference experience, which will include information about exhibitors.

Exhibit spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so reserve your space as soon as possible to secure your position to meet with this all-important audience.

Exhibitor Booth set-up includes:

- Exhibit booth
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 3' skirted table, 2 chairs

Exhibit Dates and Hours:

Exhibit Set-Up: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Exhibit Hours: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 8:00am - 4:00pm and Friday, April 5, 2024, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Exhibit Breakdown: Friday, April 5, 2024, 1:30pm–2:30pm

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Exhibit Hall Floor Plan

This is an estimate of the floor plan

Floor plan coming soon

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The following rules and regulations are a part of the agreement between C4C and the Exhibitor. Exhibit Management reserves the right to render all reasonable interpretations and decisions, should questions arise, and to establish further regulations as may be deemed necessary to the general success and well-being of the conference. Exhibit Management's decisions and interpretations shall be accepted as final in all cases.

1. **CONTRACT & PAYMENT FOR SPACE: Registration must be completed on our website at <http://championforchildren.net/sponsorship/booth-registration/>. Checks must be made out to Champion for Children, for the full amount of payment of sponsorship or exhibitor package requested on registration form. Payment may also be made on PayPal, reach out to Demory Bonilla-Cowell for PayPal Information. Booth space will not be assigned until 10 days prior to the conference. Upon acceptance by C4C, the registration application becomes a contract for the sponsorship or exhibitor package requested. Complimentary registrations must be used for employees of the exhibitor.**
2. **CANCELLATION POLICY: In order to process a refund, C4C must receive a written notice of cancellation from the exhibitors. If C4C receives notice of cancellation by February 21, 2024, C4C will refund the cost of exhibit less 50%. No refunds will be made for cancellations less than 30 days prior to the Conference dates. Complimentary registrations will be invalid if booth space is canceled.**
3. **ACCEPTABILITY OF EXHIBITS: All exhibits must serve the interests of the members of C4C and shall be operated in a way that will not detract from other exhibits or the conference as a whole. C4C reserves the right to refuse any exhibitor, which it deems objectionable to its purpose. C4C also reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any exhibit, which it believes to be injurious to the purpose of the organization. This agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. All obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable by the Champion for Children Conference Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.**

This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives. This contract cannot be assigned by either party. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein, if the essential terms and conditions for both parties remain valid, legal, and enforceable. This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

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4. **DIRECT SALES:** All direct sales must comply with local and state regulations concerning licensing and taxes. If any exhibitor has questions about such regulations, they should contact the Texas State Comptroller's office.
5. **ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBITS:** C4C will provide display space as indicated on the official floor plan but reserves the right to make any necessary changes.
6. **SERVICE CONTRACTOR:** C4C will furnish all exhibitors with the DoubleTree by Hilton Abilene Downtown Convention Center Service Manual containing shipping, freight, and drayage information, and other services. **Wi-Fi is included in booth cost. Electricity is \$40, agency must specify if using electricity on the Google form.**
7. **RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SPACE:** **C4C requires that each exhibitor occupy its own booth; there is no sharing of booth space with another exhibitor.** Children are not allowed to be in the booth at any time and are not allowed in the exhibit hall if they are unaccompanied/unsupervised by exhibitors. **During the exhibit hours, the booth must remain open and staffed.** Because of the large number of individuals who occupy the exhibit hall and the close proximity of fellow exhibitors, C4C requests that any audio used at a booth be kept at a minimum. Sales and demonstrations of equipment must remain within the confines of the booth space. Exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate their products/services within their booth as long as such actions do not obstruct passage in the aisles or make excessive noise that distracts or interferes with other exhibitor's transactions.
8. **FIRE, SAFETY, & HEALTH REGULATIONS:** The Exhibitor agrees to comply with local, city, and state laws, ordinances, and regulations for fire, safety, and health. All exhibit equipment and materials must be fireproofed and reasonably located within the booth. Arrangement of booths should not hinder traffic flow through the aisles. No combustible materials shall be stored in or around the exhibit booths. Because of the nature of the organization, and according to fire codes, there is **NO SMOKING** allowed at any time in either the meeting rooms or exhibit hall.
9. **SECURITY:** Limited security is provided for the exhibit area. Furnishing of such service shall not be construed to be any assumption of obligation or duty with respect to the protection of the property of exhibitors by C4C; such obligation and duty shall at all times remain in the sole possession, custody, and responsibility of each exhibitor.
10. **LIABILITY:** To the extent permitted by Texas Law, each party agrees to release, defend, and hold harmless the other party, their agents, and employees from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, liability, or expense (including attorney's fees) arising out

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of or resulting from any accident, bodily injury, property loss or damage, or other occurrences to any person or persons including the exhibitor, its agents, employees, and invitees, arising out of or resulting from use of the conference facility or any part thereof and proximately caused by the negligence or other malfeasance or nonfeasance of the indemnifying party. To the extent permitted by Texas Law, the exhibitor hereby assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and save the DoubleTree by Hilton Abilene Downtown Convention Center, and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, officers, directors, and agents harmless against all claims, losses or damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney's fees arising out of or caused by its installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibition premises or a part thereof and proximately caused by the negligence or other malfeasance or nonfeasance of the indemnifying party, excluding any such liability caused by the negligence of the DoubleTree by Hilton Abilene Downtown Convention Center, and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, officers, directors and agents. In addition, the exhibitor acknowledges that the DoubleTree by Hilton Abilene Downtown Convention Center does not maintain insurance covering exhibitor's property and that it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain business interruption and property damage insurance insuring any losses by the exhibitor that is not required by statute for guest rooms.

11. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Association and sponsor/exhibitor agree to use its best efforts to resolve any disputes under this Agreement through informal means. In the unlikely event that formal action must be taken, this Agreement will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State in which the association is situated and notwithstanding the foregoing, two parties must comply with Chapter 2260 of the Texas Gov't Code.
12. **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The Exhibitor has a policy of no illegal discrimination based on race, gender, identity & expression, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, immigration status, religion, and age.