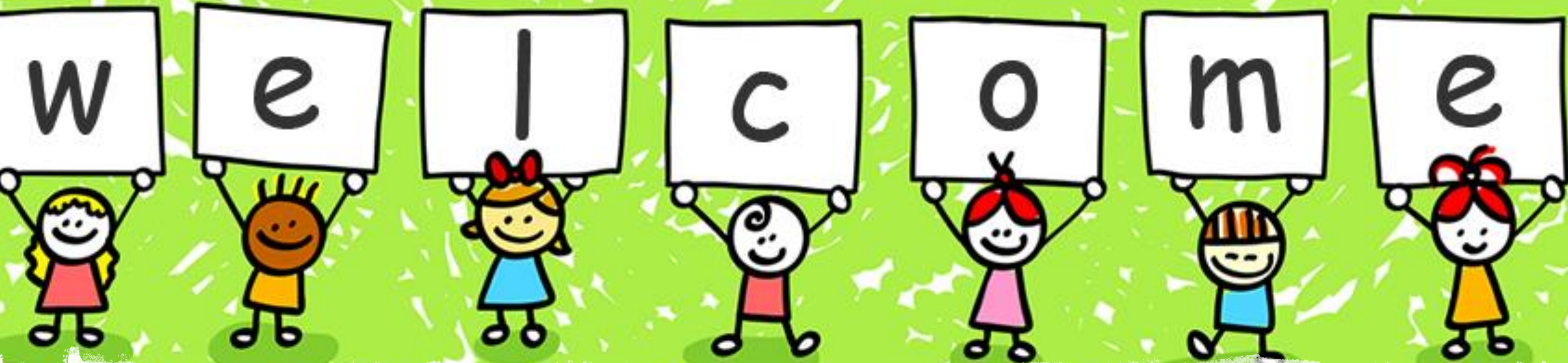




Faculty Information

Together We Can Conference October 27 – 29, 2025
Lafayette Cajundome



Greetings!

- We are pleased that you will be joining us as a faculty member for the 2025 Together We Can Conference. This will be the 23rd Annual Conference. This presentation has very important dates and details that you need as a faculty member at TWC!

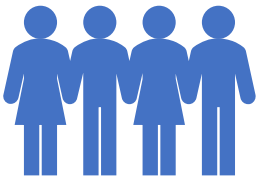


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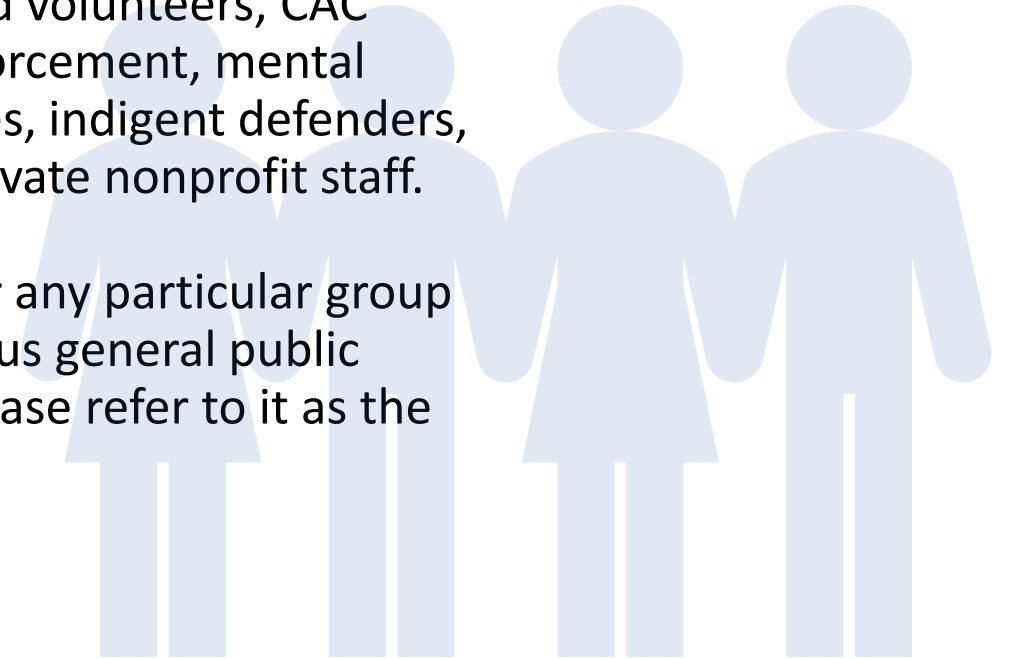
Conference Theme



The conference attendees represent multi-disciplinary audience of attorneys, social workers, CASA staff and volunteers, CAC staff, foster and adoptive parents, law enforcement, mental health counselors, district attorneys, judges, indigent defenders, university professors and students, and private nonprofit staff.



The conference is not “the conference” for any particular group – but a merged event for several groups plus general public attendees from the child welfare field. Please refer to it as the Together We Can Conference.



Audience



Focus of Conference Sessions

- All sessions should focus on the best interest of the children.
- All sessions should be designed to provide skills and information that can be utilized and put into practice as soon as possible. Information and background is important, but we also want them to be engaged and have more than a lecture in each session.
- Think creatively about how you can grab their attention and what tools/skills they will be walking out of the door with. This is how you can create impact!



Focus on Priority Levels

- These are the key concepts to guide development and weave into your presentation

- It is key to bring in partners from prevention to ensure integrity of Family First Act
- It is key to view Foster Care Services as a support mechanism for struggling parents and not as replacement service
- It is key to focus on strategies that break intergenerational cycles of abuse/neglect
- It is key to build community-based collaboratives to strengthen service delivery system
- It is key to strengthen and stabilize the child welfare services system workforce

Tips for Keeping Audience Engaged



*Focus on needs of
audience for the
stated objective of
your presentation*

*Start strong and
capture attention*

Be flexible

Be engaging

- Do: Ask for show of hands of disciplines represented, show your passion, be enthusiastic and honest
 - Participants will have color coded cards in their packets, we encourage you to engage the audience with simple polls during your presentation
- Do: State the insight you intend to develop, state the key message, summarize material in the handout
- Do: Tell stories, humans are programmed to respond to stories, make material relatable with storytelling, ask for solutions for scenarios & hypothetical situations
- Do: Allow and answer questions that disrupt set outline
- Do: Smile and make eye contact with audience, use body language, use your voice effectively, vary tone and pitch, use visual aids, relax and breathe



Things to Avoid

- Don't: Assume everyone is in your field
- Don't: Use acronyms
- Don't: Say things that don't contribute to core message
- Don't: Read power point slides
- Don't: Assume everyone has same point of view
- Don't: Say "I'm going to get to that in a minute."
- Don't: Read power point slides participants have in hand





Hotel Accommodations

- Hotel accommodations are not provided for in-state faculty members/speakers/presenters
- If we have notified you that you will receive hotel accommodations sponsored by the Pelican Center for Children and Families, we will make your room reservations.
- You will receive your confirmation number from Sharon@teamdyn.com
- If you have questions about whether or not you are eligible for hotel accommodations provided by the TWC Conference, contact Sharon@teamdyn.com





Audio Visual Requests

- You will be required to bring your own laptop for your presentation.
- We will post handouts on the www.latwc.org website prior to the conference. You need to send an electronic copy of your presentation materials to Sharon@teamdyn.com by October 1st.
- There will be a screen, projector and clicker/slide advancer provided.
- The clicker/slide advancer has an on/off switch.
- We can not handle/fulfill last minute AV requests that are made onsite.
- If you have any issues with AV equipment during the Conference, please contact Darrian at 504 952 2572



Handouts

We are a GREEN Conference

- Please submit your electronic copy of your handouts by **October 1st, 2024**
- All handouts will be posted to the www.latwc.org website for easy access by participants
- In addition, all materials are available on the Whova conference app





Faculty Registration

- We will comp up to three (3) days of registration fees for the conference as a thank you for faculty members.
- You will receive information about steps for Speaker Registration Codes in September!



A photograph of the Cajundome arena in Lafayette, Louisiana, taken at dusk. The arena's large, rounded roof is illuminated from within, and the sky is a deep twilight blue. In the foreground, a large parking lot is filled with cars, mostly in shades of blue and grey. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the arena being the primary light source.

TWC 2025 Location

- Cajundome
- 444 Cajundome Boulevard
- Lafayette, La 70506



We are here to help!

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- Email or call with questions!

- See you at the Conference!

- Thank you in advance for your contribution to the success of the 23rd Together We Can Conference!

