

The Educare Network aims to provide the highest-quality learning experiences and content at the annual Network Meeting. Our call for proposal process offers an opportunity for Network members to share their most impactful and innovative work, creating a collective and engaging experience for all attendees.

Please review all Call for Proposal details on our [website](#) carefully before submitting a proposal.
Email us at support@educarenetwork.org with any questions.

Event name: 2024 Educare Network Meeting Call for Proposal

*Denotes required

Section 1: Speaker Information

This information will be used in session promotion.

*First Name [open text box]

*Last Name [open text box]

*Email Address [open text box]

Pronouns

*Job Title [open text box]

*Educare School/Organization [open text box]

Headshot [attachment field]

*Biography [open text field]

Co-Presenter Information

Add any other speakers who will be part of this presentation. We encourage a four-speaker maximum per session. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. As a reminder, the Network will cover the travel expenses for two eligible speakers per session.

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Section 2: Session Overview

*Have you presented at a previous Network Meeting (virtual or in-person) on this topic or another?
[Yes/No]

a. Sub-Question – If Yes: Please provide the topic(s), including a brief description of the session and the year(s) you presented.

*Have you presented the proposed presentation at another conference in the field? [Yes/No]

a. Sub-Question – If Yes: Please provide a brief description of the presentation, including when and where you previously presented the topic.

*If accepted, do you agree to participate in a planning meeting to review your session content, facilitation plan and logistics? [Yes/No]

Session Topic

*Select the Network Meeting area(s) of focus that best describes your presentations (select all that apply)

- **Lifting Family Voices through Advocacy, Activism, and Leadership** (i.e., engaging families as partners and leaders, family and parent/caregiver activism, engaging fathers as part of engaging the whole family, anti-bias/anti-racist approaches to family engagement, support for staff who aren't sure how to engage with families, etc.)
- **Building School Culture, Climate, and Community** (i.e., as a strategy for staff retention and rebuilding the early childhood education workforce, recruitment, morale, onboarding, performance management, change management, innovations in hiring requirements and practices, etc..)
- **Native American and tribal influence on Early Childhood Education** (i.e., Winnebago Educare staff or tribal members share info on Winnebago culture and early childhood education.)
- **Trauma-Informed Care & Healing-centered Engagement for Educare families, Staff, and Communities** (i.e., historical trauma, mental health, social emotional well-being, impact of staff well-being on children and families, impact of child and family well-being on staff, using reflective practice to support staff)
- **Sustainability** (i.e., program operational functions including fundraising and philanthropy, strategic planning and visioning, finance/budgeting, workforce recruitment and retention, human resources etc..)
- **Other** [please specify]

Session Details

*Submission Title (please limit title to 10-words or less) [open text box]

*Audience: Provide a short description of the ideal audience for your session. i.e. This session is ideal for Educare staff interested in engaging, empowering and educating parents about policy, advocacy and leadership.

Please note: Sessions are open to all meeting participants to attend. The description provided will be used to promote your session on the meeting website. [open text box]

*In one or two sentences state the topic/issue your presentation aims to address/solve. [open text box]

*Session Description: Summarize your learn shop session; state the objective, relevance, and impact for attendees. Please note: **This description will be used to promote your session on the meeting website.** [open text box]

*[Educare Learning Network Member Requirements](#): Please describe how your presentation will speak to one or more of the Network Member Requirements (Strong Organizational Foundation & Leadership, Practice, Research, Policy and Field Impact. [open text box]

*Does the work described in your proposal utilize a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) approach or lens? Please provide a summary of these efforts. [open text box]

*Does the work described in your proposal engage parents/caregivers and/or families? Please provide a summary of these efforts. [open text box]

*Describe the facilitation strategies you will use to engage the audience. Clearly state the strategies and the approximate percentage of your time spent using each. (e.g., Q&A, audience response, discussion and visual aids). [open text box]

We ask that you to consider how your content can reach the Network beyond the in-person meeting attendees. Post-Network Meeting, all available session materials will be posted on EducareShare. Think about how you can provide content to those that did not attend the meeting in the materials you develop.

*If presenting with speakers that have not already been identified in the co-author section, please enter the full name, email address and speaking role below. Be sure to indicate speakers that are parents/caregivers. If exceeding the limit of four speakers, please explain why. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. [open text box]

*Pending the number of submissions on similar topics, we may consider asking proposal submitters to partner with another presentation team to build a collaborative session. If relevant, is this something your team would be interested in? [dropdown: yes/no/unsure]

Travel Policy: The Network will cover the cost of airfare and hotel (3 nights) for 2 Educare school staff, local evaluation partners or parents/caregivers per session. Speakers that do not fit this category are not eligible for travel reimbursement. **Prior to submitting a proposal, speaking teams should obtain permission from supervisors/leadership to travel and attend the meeting should your proposal be accepted.** To reduce travel costs, please consider Network members who are already attending the meeting as potential additional speakers to sessions.

- I have reviewed the travel policy and received permission from my supervisor/leadership to present at the in-person meeting.

Is there any additional information related to the travel policy or your proposal that you would like to share with the planning team? [open text box]

* The Educare Network national coordinating office (NCO) is always looking for ways to amplify the work at your Educare schools to the broader field. If the opportunity presents itself, would you be willing to partner with the NCO team to present your learn shop content at a national conference?
[Yes/No/Maybe]