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**Generations United’s 2025 Global Conference  
co-hosted by Harbor House**  
June 25 - 27, 2025 | Louisville, Kentucky

**Call for Sessions: Session Guidelines and Instructions**

**You must use the** [**online form**](https://forms.gle/8jxMruRHEwtBzT7h6) **to submit your proposal.**

**Deadline: Monday, December 2, 2024, at midnight U.S. Eastern Time**

Generations United’s 23rd Biennial Global Conference, co-hosted by Harbor House, will be in Louisville, Kentucky, June 25-27, 2025. The conference will convene professionals, educators, caregivers, advocates, and enthusiasts from around the world to learn, connect, and share innovative intergenerational and grandfamilies/kinship practices, programs, policies, and research.

The 2025 conference will feature information on cutting-edge research, policies, programs, and practices on a wide range of intergenerational topics including grandfamilies and kinship. We seek proposals for educational sessions that will enhance the field’s capacity for developing practices, programs, and policies that benefit individuals of all ages, support kinship and grandfamilies, and build more cohesive and caring communities around the world.

The Conference Planning Committee seeks relevant, informative, creative proposals that represent the great diversity in the intergenerational field. All sessions should use interactive approaches for all types of learners and stimulate and encourage discussion. We are looking for sessions that address different experience levels (beginners through experts) and showcase practices that support diversity, equity, and inclusion. Sessions that include presenters with experience in grandfamilies or kinship families or who have participated in intergenerational programs are of significant interest.

We value collaboration and have limited space for sessions. We encourage presenters to connect with others to submit on similar topics jointly. If you are looking for co-presenters on a topic, please complete the [**Co-Presenter Match-Up Form**](https://forms.gle/TGYbBCLdBCgzaX1WA)by **November 1, 2024**. We will do our best to facilitate making connections if possible.

Please review the categories and evaluate where your innovative proposal fits within the following three primary topic areas:

* **Intergenerational Engagement** - Intergenerational engagement includes programs, policies, and practices that increase cooperation, interaction, and exchange between people of different generations, allowing them to share their talents, and support each other in relationships that benefit both the individuals and their community. Proposals in this category should focus on the many aspects of connecting younger and older generations.
* **Grandfamilies & Kinship Families** - Grandfamilies or kinship families are families in which children reside with and are being raised by grandparents, other extended family members, and adults with whom they have a close family-like relationship such as godparents and close family friends. Proposals in this category should focus on improving supports and services for these families across multiple systems.
* **Intergenerational Settings & Spaces** - Intergenerational settings and spaces include the multitude of places that connect generations. This includes innovative housing solutions designed for intergenerational living such as home sharing, co-housing, grandfamilies housing, older adults living on a college campus, or students living in older adult housing. It also includes shared sites where children, youth, and older adults participate in services and/or programs concurrently at the same site or on the same campus. Proposals in this category should focus on these unique models and supporting and engaging participants and residents.

**Additional Areas of focus:**

The Conference Planning Committee is also particularly interested in sessions that address the following focus areas. While you are encouraged to address one or multiple of these topics in your presentation, it is not required. \*

* Addressing Ageism
* Advocacy & Public Policy Change
* Creativity & the Arts
* Diversity & Diverse Communities
* Grandfamilies/Kinship Legal & Financial Supports
* Health & Well-being (including physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual)
* Higher Education
* Kinship Navigation & Outreach
* Lived-Experience Engagement
* Social Connectedness (addressing isolation & loneliness)
* Workforce Development
* Youth Leadership & Engagement

**Type of Sessions:**

The 2025 Global Intergenerational Conference offers five different types of education sessions. You can request to deliver your presentation in one of the following ways:

1. **Workshop** **(60 minutes):** Workshop sessions feature education content that examines new program models, promising practices, or applied research on issues in research, policies, and practices. These sessions must include a minimum of 2presenters and include interactive elements. AV included: projector, screen, and hook-up for your laptop.
2. **Fast Track Workshop (30 minutes):** These sessions feature condensed, high-energy presentations or workshops designed to deliver key information quickly. Each session addresses a specific theme, trend, or solution. Presenters may engage attendees in Q&A, discussions, or brief activities to enhance understanding. AV included: projector, screen, and hook-up for your laptop.
3. **Innovation Lab (60 minutes):** The Innovation Lab is a space for intensive small-group discussions held concurrently in a large room. The presenter provides a very brief overview of a concept, idea, program, challenge, or strategy to prompt an informal and collaborative conversation among 8-10 participants. At the end of a cycle, the participants move on to another table and the speaker talks to a different group. There will be 3-4 cycles during this 60-minute session. Max. of 2 presenters. No AV included*. You may bring a laptop or tablet, but we cannot guarantee that you will have access to a power source or internet.*
4. **Program & Research Showcase (60 minutes + displayed throughout the conference)**: The showcase features posters on different projects, programs, and research. The posters are displayed throughout the conference. Presenters are expected to attend the 60-minute showcase session to discuss their posters and answer questions. Showcase sessions can include one or more presenters. There will not be space for tables or displays other than the poster board. *Details on poster session logistics will be available in March 2025 including the print deadline. All posters received by the print deadline will be printed and displayed on-site. Presenters will be responsible for printing and displaying any posters not received by the deadline*.
5. **Peer Network** **(60 minutes)**: Peer Networks are informal, facilitated discussions on intergenerational topics. They allow participants an opportunity to network with peers who either share a community of practice or are brought together by a common interest in specific issues. These sessions are informal and designed to facilitate networking and community. This is not a format for formal presentations. Two or more facilitators are recommended. No AV included.

**Submission Deadline:**

**The deadline for submission is Monday, December 2, 2024, at midnight U.S. Eastern Time.** Eligible proposals must include ALL requested information. Late submissions will not be accepted. All submissions must be completed using the [**online form**](https://forms.gle/8jxMruRHEwtBzT7h6).

**Submission Evaluation**

All education session proposals are reviewed by the Conference Program Committee. Sessions are assessed using the following criteria:

* **Originality:** At the Generations United Conference, it is essential that we continue to present unique and innovative programs that reflect our dynamic community.
* **Relevance:** Generations United seeks sessions that are of great interest to prospective attendees and clearly benefit the professional needs of the designated audience.
* **Overall Quality:** Generations United is dedicated to ensuring that the learning programs at its Conference meet the highest standards of excellence.
* **Intergenerational Participation:** Generations United is dedicated to including the voices of younger and older generations in its conference.
* **Interactivity:** Generations United looks for sessions that are interactive and engaging.

**Submission Requirements:**

Submissions MUST include the following information:

* Contact information for all presenters involved in the proposed session
* Short bio for each presenter (no more than 150 words)
* Session title (no more than 15 words)
* Session description (no more than 125 words)
* 3 Session learning objectives
* Session learning methods (select all that apply)

An individual may be a Lead Presenter on a maximum of two proposal submissions. We encourage you to review the copy of the submission form at the end of this document before submitting it online. **All submissions must be completed using the** [**online form**](https://forms.gle/8jxMruRHEwtBzT7h6)

**Lead Presenter Responsibilities**

1. Provide complete information for all presenters per educational session.
2. Hold June 25-27, 2025, until notified of proposal status.
3. Communicate the accept/decline status of the proposal to all presenters.
4. Contact each presenter to confirm participation and registration for the Conference.
5. Communicate any changes to the proposal to Generations United.
6. Register and pay for the Conference (required of all presenters).
7. Agree to not use sessions to sell products and/or services.
8. Present what you have proposed in this Call for Sessions.

**Presenter Responsibilities**

1. Provide complete contact information and a short bio to the lead presenter/key contact.
2. Hold June 25-27, 2025, until notified of proposal status.
3. Register and pay for the Conference (required of all presenters).
4. Agree to not use sessions to sell products and/or services.
5. Present what you have proposed in this Call for Sessions.

**Status Notification:**

We anticipate beginning to notify lead presenters on **March 3, 2025**. The lead presenter will be responsible for notifying all co-presenters. Please hold the days of June 25-27, 2025, until you are notified of your proposal status. We cannot guarantee requests for specific days or times for your presentation. To include as many topics as possible, conference organizers often combine workshops with complementary topics. You will be notified in advance if this occurs. Please contact us at [conference@gu.org](mailto:conference@gu.org) if you have any questions.

**Registration Fee and Hotel Rates:**

All presenters are required to register for the Conference and pay the discounted presenter registration fee of $515. Your session will not be confirmed until all presenters have registered. Registration fee includes access to all education sessions; the reception Wednesday evening (6/25); and breakfast and lunch on Thursday (6/26) and Friday (6/27). Pre- and post-conference events and site visits are available at additional costs. *Generations United cannot pay registration, transportation, lodging, or other costs for presenters*.

Discounted room rates for conference attendees are available at the conference venue **Louisville Marriott Downtown** at $249 per night (plus applicable taxes). Rooms are limited at this rate. Please book early using [**this booking link**](https://book.passkey.com/event/50858126/owner/18553/home) or call the hotel at (+1 502-627-5044).

**Audio-Visual Equipment**

Workshop rooms will have a projector, screen, and hook-up for your PC, free of charge. Due to their unique nature, tablet or Mac users should plan to bring adapters to connect to the projector.

Presenters are responsible for ordering and paying for additional audio-visual or other equipment needs for their workshop in advance by working directly with the audio-visual provider contracted by the Conference. Additional details on audio-visual equipment will be available in early 2025.

**Venue**

Educational sessions will take place at the **Louisville Marriott Downtown** (280 W Jefferson St, Louisville, KY 40202). For more information on the venue visit [Louisville Marriott Downtown](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sdflm-louisville-marriott-downtown/overview/).

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**Call for Sessions - Submission Form Template**

All sessions must be submitted [online](https://forms.gle/EXcRR61EEpVJxz5m6). Incomplete or late submissions or submissions in any other format will not be accepted. Please use this template (which includes all the information needed to complete the online form) to prepare your submission. All fields marked with an asterisk are required and must be completed to submit your proposal.

**You can access the online form by** [**clicking here**](https://forms.gle/EXcRR61EEpVJxz5m6) **or visiting**

[**https://forms.gle/EXcRR61EEpVJxz5m6**](https://forms.gle/EXcRR61EEpVJxz5m6)

**PRESENTATION FORMAT**

Presentation Format (choose one):\*

* Workshop
* Fast Track Workshop
* Innovation Lab
* Program and Research Showcase
* Peer Network

Will you accept an alternative format?\* YES/NO

Will you combine your session with another presenter on a comparable topic if requested by the Program Committee?\* YES/NO

**PRESENTATION PRIMARY TOPIC AREA**

Please check ONE topic area in which your presentation proposal should be considered.\*

* Intergenerational Engagement
* Grandfamilies & Kinship Families
* Intergenerational Settings & Spaces

**PRESENTATION FOCUS AREA**

Please check ALL focus areas in which your presentation proposal should be considered.\*

* Addressing Ageism
* Advocacy & Public Policy Change
* Creativity & the Arts
* Diversity & Diverse Communities
* Grandfamilies Legal & Financial Supports
* Health & Well-being (including physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual)
* Higher Education
* Kinship Navigation & Outreach
* Lived-Experience Engagement
* Social Connectedness (addressing isolation & loneliness)
* Workforce Development
* Youth Leadership & Engagement
* None of the Above

**PRESENTATION TITLE (Maximum 15 words)**

The title will appear in the Conference program. Please be concise, descriptive, and creative. Conference organizers reserve the right to modify descriptions for publication purposes.

***Title:\****

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION (Maximum 150 words)**

This description will appear in the Conference program. Please be concise, descriptive, and creative. Conference organizers reserve the right to modify descriptions for publication purposes.

***Description:\****

**PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES**

List three learning objectives for your education session. What are the goals of your session? What will participants be able to do after participating in your session? Use descriptive verbs.

***Objective 1:\****

***Objective 2:\****

***Objective 3:\****

**PRESENTATION LEARNING METHODS**

Select all that apply:\*

* Slides
* Visuals
* Audio/Video
* Case Studies
* Group Discussion
* Panel Discussion
* Demonstration
* Activity
* Storytelling
* Small Group Breakouts
* Lived Experts including Youth and Older Adults
* Question & Answer (Q&A)
* Other Methods (please specify):

**AUDIENCE EXPERIENCE LEVEL**

Select the primary audience for your presentation:\*

* Little or no prior knowledge of the subject matter. (0-3 years' topic experience)
* General knowledge of the subject matter. (4-9 years' topic experience)
* High level of knowledge of the subject matter. (10+ years' topic experience)

**PREVIOUS PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE (Maximum 75 words)\***

Describe experience you have with presenting on this topic, if applicable.

**OPTIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Maximum 250 words)**

Please share any additional background information on your session.

***Other Information:***

**LEAD PRESENTER INFORMATION**

Please provide current contact information for the person who is the lead presenter.

First Name:\*

Last Name:\*

Title:\*

Tribal Affiliation:

Agency/Organization:\*

Address:\*

City:\*

State:\*

Zip:\*

Country\*

Email:\*

Phone:\*

Website:

Social Media handles for presenter and/or organization (Twitter/X, Instagram, etc.)

Short Bio (2-3 sentences, 150 words max): Please do not send a full biography or resume.

* I have read and agree to the lead presenter responsibilities.\*
* I have shared the presenter responsibilities with my co-presenters and they have agreed to the terms. \*

**PRESENTER INFORMATION**

In this section, please provide current contact information for additional proposed presenters. *Please note that workshop proposals require a minimum of two presenters.* Repeat for additional presenters.

**Presenter 2**

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Tribal Affiliation:

Agency/Organization:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Country:

Email:

Phone:

Website:

Social Media handle for presenter and/or organization (Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

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