Since 1988, this annual conference has been a leader in promoting the development of the research base essential to improved service systems for children and youth with mental health challenges and their families. Known widely as “The Tampa Conference,” this annual gathering of more than 700 researchers, evaluators, policymakers, administrators, parents, and advocates is sponsored by Child & Family Studies at the University of South Florida, in partnership with the Children’s Mental Health Network, Morehouse School of Medicine, the National Wraparound Initiative, Casey Family Programs, Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Institute for Translational Research Education in Adolescent Drug Abuse, Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research, Pathways to Positive Futures, Child & Family Evidence Based Practice Consortium, Family-Run Executive Director Leadership Association, the National Technical Assistance Network for Children's Behavioral Health, and the Movember Foundation.

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit proposals for research and policy benefiting children, youth and their families. Special topic tracks include:

- Behavioral Health Equity
- Child Welfare
- Evidence-based Practice in Systems of Care
- Family Engagement
- Innovations in Wraparound
- Youth and Young Adults
- Innovative Initiatives on Improving Men and Boys Mental Health and Well-being

General topic areas include:

- Research and policy associated with preventing and alleviating trauma in the lives of families, children, and emerging adults
- Systems research on processes that impact effectiveness
- Research on family, youth and young adult roles in behavioral health services
- Innovative approaches to research and evaluation in complex behavioral health settings
- Community-based policy approaches addressing Substance Use/Dual Diagnosis services
- Early childhood behavioral health
- Building capacity to provide coordinated behavioral health community responses to American Indian/Alaska Native families

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