

2026 National Home Visiting Summit Call for Proposal Submission Questions

Overview: The following provides the list of fields and questions asked for submitting a proposal to the Summit. This document is for reference only – all submissions must be [made electronically here](#). Please email questions and comments to the conference planning team at Events@StartEarly.org.

* Denotes required fields

Section 1: Speaker & Co-Presenter Information

Submitting Author Demographic Information – this information will be used on the conference website. *The same information is required for co-presenters. Submitters are limited to 3 additional co-presenters. If you plan to exceed the maximum number of 4 total speakers, please enter their information below. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.*

1. First Name*
2. Last Name*
3. Email Address*
4. Organization*
5. Title*
6. Biography* (500-character Limit)
7. Headshot
8. Role within the field* Advocate (federal, state, local), Federal funder, Federal Systems Leader/Administrator, Healthcare Provider, Home Visitor, Parent/Caregiver, Philanthropist, Program Leader/Supervisor, Researcher, State Funder, State Systems Leader/Administrator, Trainer and/or Technical Assistance Provider, Other
9. Are you currently an early career scholar? Early career scholar is defined as: undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate level or up to 5-year post terminal degree (master's or PhD). (Y/N)

The Summit is able to provide complimentary registration, and a complimentary hotel stay for 2 nights (Monday, September 28 & Tuesday, September 29, 2026) to support parent/caregiver presenters at the conference. Please note, if you are planning on including parent/caregiver representation in your presentation but have not yet invited speakers, the deadline for confirming parent/caregiver speakers is May 1, 2026.

10. *Does your presentation include a parent/caregiver speaker or poster presenter?
Yes/No

Sub-Question: If Yes - Will your organization provide travel support and funding beyond what Start Early provides to ensure parents and caregivers can participate? This includes travel funds (e.g., flight; ground transportation), stipend for childcare expenses as needed and per diem. (Yes/No/N/A)

11. If presenting with speakers who have not already been identified in the co-author section, please enter their full name, title, organization, email address, and speaking role below. Be sure to indicate speakers who are parents/caregivers and those who represent provider voices. If you are using this field because you have exceeded the maximum four total speakers, please explain why. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Section 2: Presentation Modality

1. *What type of presentation are you submitting? ([See website for session descriptions](#)). The conference organizer reserves the right to amend the presentation type and will work with presenting teams to find the best fit. *Please select one option.*
 - a. Workshop Session
 - b. Poster Presentation
 - c. Help me decide
2. If accepted for a workshop session or poster presentation, are all of your speakers able to attend and present at the conference in Baltimore, MD? (Y/N)
3. *If accepted for a workshop session, do you agree to participate in a planning meeting to review best practices, learning objectives, and logistics for your session? All speaking teams are required to participate. (Y/N/N/A – Submitting a poster presentation)

Section 3: Overview

1. *Have you presented at a previous National Home Visiting Summit(s) on this topic or another? (Y/N)

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

2. *Have you presented the proposed presentation at another conference in the field? (Y/N)

Sub-Question – If Yes: Please provide a brief description of the presentation, including when and where you previously presented the topic and how your presentation at the Summit will be unique/different.

3. Is your organization submitting multiple proposals to the 2026 conference? (Y/N)
Sub-Question – If Yes: Please identify the session title name(s) and speakers.

Section 4: Session Topic

1. *Select the primary conference domain that **best** describes your presentation (select one)
 - a. Advocacy & Policy
 - b. Practice
 - c. Research
 - d. Systems
2. (If applicable) select a secondary conference domain that may also describe your presentation (select one)
 - a. Advocacy & Policy
 - b. Practice
 - c. Research
 - d. Systems
3. *Select the Summit's content area that best applies to your workshop/poster (please choose one):
 - a. Building cross-sector partnerships between home visiting, early childhood, and health systems
 - b. Systematizing financing strategies and innovations to strengthen and expand home visiting
 - c. Elevating parent and community choice to drive policy and practice change
 - d. Leveraging research to strengthen policies and programmatic practices
 - e. Growing and sustaining a strong home visiting workforce

Section 5: Session Details

1. *Submission Title (please limit title to 10-words or less)
2. *Please choose the extent to which parent/caregiver and/or provider voice or representation will be included in your presentation:
 - a. Impacts on parent/caregiver or provider will be referenced
 - b. Parent/caregiver or provider voice will be referenced in the presentation
 - c. Parent/caregiver or provider will be incorporated into the presentation through video/audio recordings
 - d. Parent/caregiver or provider will be a session speaker/poster presenter
 - e. No parent/caregiver or provider voice will be included
3. *Session Abstract: Provide an overview of the key elements you plan to address in your presentation. (300-character limit – approximately 50 words)
4. *Ideal Audience: Provide a short description of the ideal audience for your workshop/poster. The ideal audience description will be used to promote your session.

Example: This session is ideal for home visiting advocates and/or program administrators interested in innovative ways of communicating the impact of their

5. home visiting program to advance policy change. (1000-character limit).
6. *Session Description: Summarize your topic; identify how your content aligns with the conference objectives as stated on the [conference website](#); describe the relevance and impact for attendees. (3000-character limit – 2 to 4 paragraphs) Please note: This description will be used to promote your workshop/poster.
7. *Describe the facilitation strategies/engagement approaches you will use to engage the audience (e.g., attendee discussions, Q&A sessions, and visual aids). For workshop presentations, also state the approximate amount of time spent using each engagement strategy. Meeting rooms holding workshop sessions will be theatre style seating. (3000-character limit)

Engagement Approach Example, Workshop: "We will use a brief case presentation on non-traditional community collaborations we've developed with PowerPoint slides. Attendees will then engage in 10-minute small group discussions to share their ideas for non-traditional partnerships and the remaining of the session will be focused on audience Q&A."

Engagement Approach Example, Poster: "We will offer QR codes for links to community collaboration projects that show strong parent leadership examples. We will engage poster session attendees in small group conversations about the research content".

8. *Identify **2-4** learning objectives for your proposal. Learning objectives should be measurable and indicate what the learner will gain in knowledge or practice. (3000-character limit)

Learning Outcome Example: "At the end of this session, learners will be able to identify three collaborative relationships to build or improve upon in their community/state."

9. *Pending the number of submissions on similar topics, we may consider asking workshop proposal submitters to partner with another team to build a collaborative session. If relevant, is this something your team would be interested in? (Y/N/Unsure/N/A - Submitting a poster presentation)
10. *There may be an opportunity for workshop presenters to host their session twice (i.e., present on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and again on Wednesday, Sept. 30). If relevant, is this something your team would be interested in? (Y/N/Unsure/ N/A - Submitting a poster presentation))
11. *I agree to follow conference best practices to prepare visually and auditory accessible presentations (PowerPoint/posters) and materials. Please see the conference website for related materials and support.