Conference Announcement and Call for Posters

June 2nd to 4th, 2011
The Fairmont Hotel - Dallas, Texas, USA
Deadline for Online Poster Submissions: December 1st, 2010

This conference will bring together an international group of leading policy makers, attorneys, educators, children’s rights activists, community leaders, and researchers from multiple disciplines as well as other interested individuals who concur that corporal punishment (CP) of children is an unsuitable and potentially damaging way to resolve conflict with children. Currently, 29 countries have prohibited all CP of children in all settings. The goals of the conference are:

- To raise public awareness about the rights of children and the problems associated with CP;
- To bring together individuals from different walks of life and professions who are committed to ending the CP of children; and,
- To develop strategies for advancing the worldwide movement to prohibit and eliminate all CP of children in all parts of the world.

The main focus of the conference will be invited presentations by prominent speakers from around the world who have worked to end CP, along with workshops to facilitate strategic planning.

The conference will also include poster sessions focused on ending CP of children and/or promoting positive discipline. Examples of topics include:

- evaluations of programs to reduce CP in homes or schools
- theory-based positive discipline models and frameworks
- evaluations of positive discipline programs
- attitude change in individuals & communities
- the impact of law reform
- the prevalence of CP, particularly in understudied communities
- the dynamics of punitive violence
- children’s views of CP
- historical analyses of CP
- ethical issues and methods in CP research

Additional information about the schedule, registration, and poster submissions is available at http://smu.edu/psychology/html/globalSummit.html Direct questions to: cpsummit@smu.edu

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