

NAC Symposium 2026 - Call for Proposals

October 20 - October 21, 2026
Memphis, TN

The National Assessment Center Association (NAC) invites proposals for breakout sessions at the 2026 NAC Symposium, taking place October 20–21, 2026 at Memphis, TN.

The NAC Symposium convenes Assessment Center practitioners, system partners, researchers, and advocates from across the country to share practical strategies, research, and innovative approaches that strengthen community-based responses for youth and families.

Sessions should align with NAC's mission and emphasize applied learning, cross-system collaboration, equity, and real-world impact. Selected sessions will support professional development and may be eligible for continuing education credits (CEUs).

Section 1: Presenters Information

* 1. Primary Presenter Name

* 2. Email Address

* 3. Phone Number

* 4. Organization/Affiliation

* 5. Job Title

* 6. Please provide a professional biography for our records. Your bio should summarize your professional and educational background, as well as any relevant training or licenses you hold. Please ensure the total length is 300 words or less.

* 7. Are you submitting this proposal as part of a panel or group presentation?

Yes

No

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If yes please provide the required information for all co-presenters below (3 co-presenters per panel/presentation)

Co- Presenter 1

8. Co- Presenter's Name

9. Email Address

10. Phone Number

11. Organization/Affiliation

12. Job Title

13. Please provide a professional biography for our records. Your bio should summarize your professional and educational background, as well as any relevant training or licenses you hold. Please ensure the total length is 300 words or less.

Co - Presenter 2

14. Co-Presenter's Name

15. Email Address

16. Phone Number

17. Organization/Affiliation

18. Job Title

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Co-Presenter 3

20. Co-Presenter's Name

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Section 2: Session Overview

* 26. Proposed Session Title

*** 27. Session Format**

- Breakout Session (60-75 minutes)
- Panel Discussion (60-75 minutes)
- Interactive Workshop (60-75 minutes)
- Skill Based / Training Session (60-75 minutes)

*** 28. Intended Audience (*select all that apply*)**

- Emerging Assessment Centers (Defined as assessment centers currently in the planning stages or that have been operational for less than one year)
- Operating Assessment Centers (Defined as assessment centers that have been operational for more than one year)
- System Partners (judges, law enforcement, child welfare, probation, etc.)
- Researchers / Evaluators
- Policymakers (State and Local Legislators)
- Youth and family advocates

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Section 3: Session Description & Learning Objectives

* 29. Please describe the session content, goals, and key takeaways for participants. (*Please note that this description will be published if your proposal is selected to proceed. We recommend a length of 250 to 300 words.*)

* 30. Please list 2-3 SMART learning objectives for your session. Objectives must be:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time-bound

Example: "By the end of this session, participants will be able to identify three strategies for improving cross-system referrals within an Assessment Center."

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* 31. How will participants be engaged during this session? (Select all that apply)

- Case studies or real-world examples
- Data or research presentation
- Small group discussion
- Q&A
- Interactive exercises or activities
- Other (please specify)

32. Please describe any interactive components or audience engagement strategies. (300 words or less)

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Section 4: Presenters' Experience & Disclosures

* 33. Please briefly describe the presenter(s)' experience with this topic. (If you have previously presented on this topic, please add your presentation as an attachment)

* 34. Are any presenters youth, family members, or individuals with lived experience?

- Yes
- No

* 35. Do you have any conflicts of interest to disclose?

- Yes
- No

36. If yes, please explain.

Section 5: Session Logistics

37. Are there any specific room setup or A/V needs for this session?

38. Is there anything else the planning committee should consider when reviewing this proposal?

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Section 6: Presenter Requirements & Acknowledgment

If selected, presenters will be required to participate in a brief (approximately 30-minute) preparation call with NAC staff in advance of the Symposium.

In addition, all presentation materials (if applicable) must be submitted to NAC at least five (5) business days prior to the Symposium.

39. I understand and agree to the presenter preparation and materials submission requirements.

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