



## Call for Abstracts

### INVITATION

We invite you to contribute to the 2024 Australian Association of Infant Mental Health (AIMH) Conference program by submitting abstracts relating to your work in the sphere of Infant Mental Health. We welcome clinical, research, policy and program related abstracts. There will be opportunities for oral, poster, and workshop presentations.

### OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE THEME

This year's conference will highlight the pivotal role of infant mental health as the building block for future mental health and wellbeing. Drawing on Winnicott's seminal work conceptualising infant development in the context of the parent-child relationship and external systems, our conference theme will be "**The infant, the family and the outside world: Building infant mental health into the future**". With this theme, our program will seek to deepen understanding of infant mental health and the ways it can be nurtured, within the context of the multiple intersecting 'systems'. With this systemic lens, we will explore infant mental health development, impacts and interventions with an awareness of both the immediate caregiving/family environment as well as the 'outside' world and its various psychosocial influences, potential clinical supports and interventions, and systemic issues and opportunities.

Abstracts should relate to this conference theme and may include:

- Reports of results of completed research
- Descriptions of research in progress
- Demonstrations of innovations in clinical practice and models of service delivery
- Discussions of a position on an issue related to the conference theme
- Therapeutic case studies

We are committed to presenting an inclusive program and especially welcome abstracts from or focused on traditionally underrepresented groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and people with disabilities.

### KEY DATES

Abstract submission opens	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
Abstract submission closes	<b>28<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
Presenter Notifications	<b>19<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>
Date speakers are required to register/Early Bird closes	<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>

**Abstracts may only be submitted online via the conference website**  
[Abstracts - AAIMH 2024 Conference Website \(aaimhconference.org\)](https://aaimhconference.org)

## PRESENTATION OPTIONS

**Oral presentation:** an opportunity for you to present your work to participants in a 20min session as part of a concurrent session.

**Workshop:** an opportunity for you to deliver a 45-min **interactive presentation** to enable participants to engage in a more “hands-on” approach to the subject at hand.

**Poster:** an opportunity for you to present your work in a poster format. Posters will remain on display for the duration of the Conference. Posters may use graphics, tables or charts, but must not exceed the space of 1000 mm x 1200 mm portrait format.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstract word limit: 250 words (not including title and author names)
- Provide details of the authors (names, affiliations) and underline the name of the presenting author. Authors names should be formatted: Family name, first name initial. Example: Dun, K & Ng, S
- Ensure your abstract contains the following:
  - Research presentations: Title, Background, Aims/objective(s), Methodology, Results, Conclusions and Implications
  - Clinical/policy focused presentations: Title, Background, Approach, Outcomes, Conclusions and Implications
  - Workshops: Title, Objective(s), Activities, Intended outcomes.
- Thoroughly check your abstract for spelling and grammar before submission.
- Select a modern sans serif family font (Calibri), Font size 11 or 12, single spaced.
- Indicate your preference for presentation style (oral, poster, or workshop).
- Include a short biographical paragraph (up to 80 words) of the presenting author. This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes or may also be published in meeting literature.
- Do not include references, pictures, diagrams, figures or tables in your abstract.
- Upload your abstract (as a word document) from your computer.

Please note:

- The word limit for the body of the abstract is 250 words maximum.
- Abstracts can only be submitted online.
- Please note that selecting your presentation type is a preference only.
- The decision of acceptance of abstracts and type of presentation is at the discretion of the abstract review committee.
- You will not be able to update your abstract or upload additional abstracts once the **submission deadline has passed on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

If you need to make any amendments once uploaded, please contact the Conference Secretariat by email at [aaimh@abercrombiemanagement.com.au](mailto:aaimh@abercrombiemanagement.com.au)

### **Abstract selection criteria**

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by specialists in the field of infant mental health. Although authors must indicate their preferred form of presentation (oral, poster or workshop) the type of presentation offered is at the discretion of the abstract review committee.

Selection criteria:

- Relevance to conference theme
- Outlines key questions/issues to be addressed
- Quality of evidence
- Adds to the current state of knowledge/contribution to the field

### **Notification of acceptance**

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance or otherwise **around 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

### **Registration**

Please note that all presenters must pay to register for the conference by **29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. Registration payment not received by this date will result in presenters being withdrawn from the program. Successful abstracts will be published on the conference website.