

RECS 2024 Call for Proposals

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Introduction to RECS

- Biennial conference to present cutting-edge research and the latest findings from evaluations of programs, policies, and services that support families on the path to self-sufficiency
- Broad audience of researchers, state and local administrators, practitioners, policymakers, and federal officials

Conference Tracks

- TANF Programs, Policies, and Populations
- Employment and Mobility in the Labor Market
- Youth Well-Being and the Transition to Adulthood
- Strengthening Families, Fatherhood, Marriages, and Relationships
- Evaluating Social Programs, Building Evidence, and Using Data
- Approaches to Alleviate Poverty and Expand Opportunity

Proposal Submission Types

- Full Conference Session
 - Connect with potential collaborators by joining the [RECS LinkedIn Group](#)
- Individual Presentation
- Roundtable
- Emerging Scholars Poster

Full Conference Session

- Include a minimum of two and maximum of three speakers, plus a session moderator
- 75 minutes total in length, including at least 15 minutes for questions from the audience

A variety of formats is available for full conference sessions. Acceptable formats include but are not limited to:

- Three related individual presentations
- Two related individual presentations followed by prepared commentary by a discussant, practitioner, or person with lived experience of the program under study. Commentary could be about the methods and findings of presented research, how the presentations fit into the broader field, the practical applications of the presentations, or the experiences and reflections of staff or participants of the program under study.
- Moderated discussion among the speakers (no formal presentations)
- Interactive panel (e.g., providing a demonstration of a tool or database including or followed by hands-on audience engagement)

Individual Presentation

- Consists of content to be presented by **one person** at the conference as part of a conference session. Please note that co-presenters are not allowed.
- 15 to 20 minutes in length
- RECS conference organizers will group accepted individual presentations together to form full conference sessions.
- If you are considering submitting an individual presentation and would like to connect with potential collaborators to submit a full conference session instead, please join the [RECS LinkedIn Group](#) and (once admitted to the group) post to the group's page to describe your topic and invite potential collaborators to reach out.

Roundtable

- May include up to two facilitators
- 60 minutes in length
- This small-group discussion-based format is intended to be an opportunity for attendees to meaningfully connect with one another while participating in interactive conversations on topics relevant to RECS track(s) and audiences. Each accepted roundtable will be assigned a table in the conference space, and facilitators will hold the session around this table.
- Topics that have made successful roundtables at past RECS include in-progress research that could benefit from external input, emerging research methods and trends, and topics of interest to affinity groups (e.g., developments in research analysis; promising practices to help practitioners overcome challenges in the field).
- Because roundtables are discussion-focused and will not have access to a projector, facilitators should not plan to lecture or use slides.

Emerging Scholars Poster

- Printed posters to be displayed in a poster gallery at the conference hotel
- During at least one session of the conference, Emerging Scholars poster presenters will be asked to present their research in a short 5- to 10-minute talk and then engage with individual attendees who visit their poster to learn more.
- Each poster can have only one presenter; co-presenters are not allowed.
- Emerging Scholars poster presenters are expected to print their own posters.
- Emerging Scholars poster presenters will also be invited to join special conference events for Emerging Scholars.

Proposal Submission Criteria

Required Elements:

- Relevance to family self-sufficiency policy or program design and administration, as outlined in the conference track descriptions
- Methodological rigor, including the use of experimental and quasi-experimental designs, strong qualitative work, innovative uses of data, or well-designed alternative research methods
- Innovative approaches or new contributions to the field
- Accessibility to a range of attendees, including non-researchers
- Clarity of description

OPRE also encourages:

- Diversity of speaker perspectives
- Equity focus

New for RECS 2024

- Question regarding diversity of speaker perspectives
- Flexible formats for full conference sessions
- Emerging Scholar poster submission type

Key Dates and Links

RECS 2024

May 29-31, 2024, Capital Hilton, Washington, DC

Proposal Submission Deadline:

Monday, August 14, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET

- RECS website: recsconference.net
- LinkedIn Page: [RECS LinkedIn Group](#)
- Questions: RECS@air.org

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