A call for proposals is now open for the 32nd annual Southern Conference on Children that will be held at the Nessmith-Lane Center, Jan. 26, 2019, in Statesboro, Georgia.

Proposals may be submitted for any of the nine conference strands, which are STEM, Nurturing Healthy Children, Intentional Teaching Strategies, Including All Children, Play & DAP, Leadership and Professionalism, Program Management, Family Child Care and School-Age Care. Submissions are also accepted for a variety of formats including panels, workshops, roundtables, posters and regular sessions.

The priority deadline for submissions is Aug. 31.

This one-day conference allows childcare center directors and personnel, teachers, childcare providers and parents of young children to train on evidence-based strategies from local and regional leaders in child development, early childhood education, special education and other related fields. The theme of this year’s conference is “Innovations & Quality in Early Care and Learning.”

The 2019 keynote speaker will be Vernon Mason Jr., founder of Directors Leadership Solutions and president of the WEE School, serving children in four locations across North Carolina. Vernon has been in the early childhood profession for nearly 25 years and delivers training, workshops and keynote presentations at the local, state and national level.

The Southern Conference on Children is hosted by the Georgia Southern University College of Behavioral Health and Social Sciences, the School of Human Ecology, Kid’s World Learning Center and the Division of Continuing Education. Those interested in learning more about the conference may visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/scoc.

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