

# The TAMFT Marriage and Family

# NEWS



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**From The President**  
Richard Gillespie, M. Div. and L.M.F.T.

We want to thank the Supervision Committee chaired by Cindy Gamble and the members of the committee. We also thank all those supervisors and members who took part in the 2011 TAMFT Supervision Survey (see report on page 3). The study was designed to look at the state of clinical supervision for marriage and family therapists in the Tennessee division. The study looked at barriers in supervision that make achieving MFT licensure hard including such things as the cost of supervision, distance to travel to obtain supervision, and availability of supervisors in each area. The committee looked at possible solutions to these issues that have been suggested over the years. At the board's request, the committee will continue as the Strategic Committee looking at plans to overcome problems in this area.

AAMFT has suggested a possible Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement for our board members. The TAMFT board referred this ethics document to our Ethics Education Committee chaired by Judith Roney for study and recommendations.

The Membership Committee which is chaired by Carole Webb is becoming very active as well. The committee wants to be an aid to our members around the licensure process and also study ways to increase our membership-which has remained fairly flat for several years. The committee is also looking at helping our board develop policies around how we deal with commercial advertising on our website and newsletter as well as dealing with non-profit, educational institutions. We want to work closely where possible with educational groups to let our members know about continuing education opportunities.

The Legislative Committee has been very active under the leadership of Robbie Hutchens. We were major sponsors of Children's Mental Health week and continue to participate actively in the Council of Children's Mental Health working for the creation of a coordinated, family centered system of care for children's mental health in Tennessee. We have continued to advocate for state government to hire licensed marriage and family therapists under the MFT state job classification approved two years ago. This has been done with the Commissioners of Mental Health and Children's Services and Health. Our current project is advocating for a state job classification for licensed marriage and family therapists in the Tennessee state education department. We are trying to accomplish this administratively through advocacy with education officials in the new Haslam administration. Our lobbyist, Todd Bouldin, has been talking and meeting with state education officials in this regard. There are meetings with state education officials in July that will determine our future directions in this project. Our goal is always to open more jobs and opportunities for licensed marriage and family therapists in Tennessee.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

We want to bring the wisdom of family systems theory to be a part of discussions about mental health in Tennessee for the good of our clients. We also continue to advocate with our Congress and Senators for the inclusion of licensed marriage and family therapists as mental health providers under Medicare.

We want to remind all of our members to be diligent about completing their continuing education requirements including ethics for the state licensure board. The state board is auditing for this, and fines have been issued where this has not been completed on time. It is all of our responsibilities to be aware of licensure renewal requirements in this area and to complete them.

In the past four years, our legislative agenda has focused on a state job classification for licensed marriage and family therapists, vendorship for licensed marriage and family therapists, including marriage and family therapists as providers on the state employee health plan, and now licensed marriage and family therapists as school system employees. Three of these four have accomplished, and we are working on the fourth one. These four things are the four national legislative goals that AAMFT has for its divisions. We have also strongly supported AAMFT national efforts to have LMFT's included as mental health providers under Medicare and education legislation. This included securing the prime sponsor for the Medicare bill in the House of Representatives last year. I want to thank Past President Linda Oxford, Legislative Chair Robbie Hutchens, Phillip Barkley, Dr. Brad Bull, our lobbyist Todd Bouldin, Mike Runcie, Polly Coe, Terry Browning, Brenda Dew, Randy Phillips, and all Legislative Committee members who take part in these efforts. I want to thank all other parties who helped that I might have left out including the wonderful efforts of our membership in contacting their legislators.

An issue that has come to the attention of the TAMFT Board is individuals practicing marriage and family therapy in Tennessee without being licensed and/or supervised. We are looking into the best ways for this to be reported and handled consistent with AAMFT and state regulatory board policy. This is something we will provide our members further information about.

There is one new area for a possible good project for our association. I recently wrote Governor Haslam expressing concern for families that are affected by the negative effects of the recession and unemployment and wondered if there were ways we could partner with state government to help these families. Governor Haslam has asked the state department of Labor to meet with us about ways we can work together to help families in these hard, economic times. We will bring these recommendations back to the TAMFT Board for the next meeting in October.

## AAMFT ETHICS REVIEW (Article Submitted by Linda Oxford, LCSW, LMFT)

Every ten years or so, the AAMFT Ethics Code is reviewed and prospective revisions are considered. Last year, AAMFT charged a Task Force with reviewing the Code and recommending to the AAMFT Board a process involving incremental changes to the AAMFT Ethics Code. These changes are expected to be marginal, and generally consistent with the overarching philosophy of the Code and its provisions.

This year, a Task Force has been charged with studying and recommending changes of this nature to the AAMFT Code for the AAMFT Board for review, and prospective adoption. In mid-May the Task Force disseminated online a brief (two item), open-ended survey to members asking for feedback about what elements of the Code members thought should be made more clear, or might be improved by slight revision, in response to changes over the past several years in the practice of marriage and family therapy and attendant ethical considerations.

While the survey closed the end of May, the results of the member survey about the AAMFT Ethics Code will be presented to members for their consideration and feedback.

I will be serving on the AAMFT Ethics Committee for another two and a half years (my term on the committee began in January 2011), and will be happy to serve as a conduit for any input you wish to provide this committee. Amanda Reeves, the newest AAMFT staff attorney, will be working with the Ethics Committee following Lee Greenwood's departure from the association in May.

## TAMFT SUPERVISION SURVEY—2011 (article by Cindy Gamble, LMFT, TAMFT E. TN Representative)

As the snow was beginning to fall last December of 2010, a small group of TAMFT members volunteered to participate on a Supervision Committee. The committee members were: Cindy Gamble, Carole Webb, Susan Lahey, Paul Cates and John Kennedy. The committee came together due to some questions regarding Supervision that had been informally discussed at the December 3, 2010 Board Meeting for the Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital & Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists in Nashville, TN.

The first step the committee took was to send out a Supervision Survey to the 51 AAMFT Approved Supervisors listed on AAMFT's website. This survey was done in the form of an email with a link to the Survey that had been created using Survey Monkey. The survey had 21 questions regarding different aspects of supervision. The Supervision Committee also asks for assistance from the 51 AAMFT Approved Supervisors to forward this request to their Supervisees. A Supervisee is someone who is a Licensed Marital and Family Therapist who is seeking to obtain the status of an AAMFT Approved Supervisor.

Of the 51 AAMFT Approved Supervisors who were sent the request to participate in the Survey, 30 Supervisors completed the Survey and 14 Supervisees as well participated in the Survey. Currently 99 LMFT candidates and 27 LPC candidates are being supervised by these 44 individuals. In the past 320 LMFT candidates and 157 LPC candidates have been supervised by these 44 individuals. Of the 44 Supervisors who completed the Survey, East Tennessee has 23 Supervisors available, Middle Tennessee has 16 Supervisors available and West Tennessee has 5 Supervisors available with 27 of the 44 Supervisors offering Group Supervision.

A Supervision Committee Report with a summary of the results of the Survey as well as recommendations was presented to the TAMFT Board at its scheduled meeting in Nashville, TN on May 20, 2011. A copy of this report was sent to Brenda L. Dew, Ph.D., LMFT, who is a current member of the Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital & Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

After the presentation of the Supervision Committee Report the TAMFT Board created a new committee to work on a Strategic Initiative to focus on the recommendations made by the Supervision Committee. As the TAMFT Board continues its focus to advance the profession and the practice of marriage and family therapy as a means of promoting marriage and family well being it was decided that encouraging the continued development of qualified Supervisors as well as working towards making affordable Supervision available through the entire state of Tennessee to all LMFT and LPC candidates as being a necessary part of this focus.

## RETIREMENT, LICENSURE, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (submitted by Linda Oxford, LCSW, LMFT)

The TAMFT Board Members are participating on the development of this Strategic Initiative along with the original committee members who participated in the Supervision Committee. Anyone who would also like to participate in this new Committee should contact Cindy Gamble, LMFT, by email at [cindy@helping-heart.com](mailto:cindy@helping-heart.com). The TN Licensing Regulatory Board observed at its June meeting that more fines are being issued to LPCs and LMFTs for failure to obtain required continuing education hours, including required training in ethics. Several practitioners who have retired but continue to hold licensure did not realize that they must continue to meet the requisite continuing education requirements if they maintain their licenses post-retirement.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE EVENT UPDATE

(submitted by Ashley Dumas, M.MFT, LMFT)

### Issues in Therapy 2011

October 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am-4:00 pm - Boone Convocation Center, Trevecca Nazarene University

**Dr. Judith Beck**

*“Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Personality Disorders”*

To Register for **Issues in Therapy 2011** go to [www.trevecca.edu/gradpsychology/training](http://www.trevecca.edu/gradpsychology/training)

The Middle Tennessee luncheon meetings occur every other month, beginning in January. Meeting location alternates between Trevecca Nazarene University and Lipscomb University. They are typically held the 4th Friday of the month, from 11:00-1:00. The first hour includes lunch, and the second hour is a speaker/facilitator presentation. You will receive a certificate that verifies an hour of credit. For further information about the Middle Tennessee meetings, please contact Dr. Susan Lahey at 615-248-1751/[SLahey@trevecca.edu](mailto:SLahey@trevecca.edu) or Dr. Paul Cates at 615-966-1781/[Paul.Cates@Lipscomb.edu](mailto:Paul.Cates@Lipscomb.edu)

If you would like to receive more information about upcoming meetings, please email Cathy Lincoln ([Cathy.Lincoln@Lipscomb.edu](mailto:Cathy.Lincoln@Lipscomb.edu)), and she will add you to the email distribution list.

## TAMFT CELEBRATES NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY (Submitted by Robbie Hutchins)

Legislative chairperson Robbie Robinson Hutchens represented the TAMFT as our official representative and organizing member of the Coalition for Children's Mental Health for the last two years. During 2010-2011, she attended monthly planning meetings at Tennessee Voices for Children in preparation for the coming resource fair honoring National Children's Mental Health Day. On Saturday, May 7, 2011, the coalition hosted the "Whole Kid Festival" at the Bicentennial Mall State Park in downtown Nashville. This is a new venue for the coalition, who has carried out the event for the last 15 years at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere.

The event features live entertainment by local children's performance groups, roaming "characters," and free, child-friendly educational activities. Event sponsors host a booth with give-aways and information connecting families with particular mental health resources. In the past, between 3,000 and 5,000 family members from the middle Tennessee area took part in the resource fair annually. Coalition members anticipate the same kinds of numbers in a few years at the new venue.

As a \$1,000.00 sponsor, TAMFT received a half-page program advertisement, a listing in the event program as a preferred resource for families, and a tented booth lot to showcase the organization. Family members and other events sponsors visiting our booth received a business-sized card with the [therapistlocator.net](http://therapistlocator.net) logo and corresponding information. Additionally, one of our booth representatives engaged participants in experiencing the impact of crisis on families via a large mobile, crafted from recycled household items.

Family members were given a free handout with complete instructions on "How to Make a Family Tree Mobile," so that parents and grandparents could reinforce the mobile metaphor at home. This handout also listed our TAMFT web page and Therapist Locator website. The family mobile, the experiential nature of the booth activities, as well as the quote on the ad (see page 5) combined to celebrate the work of Virginia Satir, a marvelous symbol of the family therapy movement and its creativity that distinguishes it from other schools of thought.

One "family engagement" in particular merits retelling. An inner-city family with three small children drifted by the booth. The parents glanced over at the family mobile, whose colorful, crafted members were dancing in the wind. The children, far more interested in potential freebies, darted over to our table. One spirited child grabbed random items from the table and stuffed them into his bag. Within a few seconds, the child began pulling down the string of decorative flags that lined the tent ceiling.

Discerning that the parents were not going to intervene, one of our booth representatives redirected the child to the family mobile, quizzing him about the parts, the whole, and the mobile's dynamic nature. Mildly embarrassed, the parents moved in closer to hear the questions their child was being asked. The family nodded in symphony with our representative's storytelling, but said nothing.

"What do you think makes a marriage and family therapist *different* from other therapists?" our MFT advocate asked the family. The family stood perfectly still, in stark contrast to the clanging, active mobile. "Well...if a family were to bring in a child to the office and say, 'He is having behavior problems, can you fix him,' the family therapist would say, 'Then I will need to see ALL of you in my office, not just him.'"

Before the rep could finish the explanation, the father immediately turned away and physically directed his family to the next booth. The booth rep, feeling sheepish and stunned, put the family mobile activity and website card back on the table. He tied the flags back to the ceiling, listening for the next approaching family.

About a half an hour later the booth representative spotted the father in the distance. He was making his way across the field directly to our booth, but without the rest of his family. This father walked right up to our advocate, who was bracing himself for the unknown. The father leaned in, literally within inches of our advocate's face, and quietly said -- with emphasis, "You got the *truth*."



# TAMFT CELEBRATES NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY, (continued)

Submitted by Robbie Hutchins

“Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible – the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family.”

—Virginia Satir,  
Thought Leader of Family Therapy Movement.

Learn more about creating a nurturing family from a licensed marriage and family therapist near you:

[www.TherapistLocator.net](http://www.TherapistLocator.net)



Learn how the Tennessee Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is making a difference in *your* community.



[www.tnamft.org](http://www.tnamft.org)



Obi Wan heals a broken relationship with Master Luke aside our family mobile.



The family mobile hung low enough for children to touch and explore how each crafted person was made.



Boxy Mama was made from interiors and exteriors of boxes, inner rolls from toilet and wrapping paper, and brown, shredded packing materials.



The kids enjoyed discovering what each person was made of. We were also able to discuss recycling with the children, as each item was "repurposed" and given new life in this mobile.

## HERE COMES THE BABY - THERE GOES THE MARRIAGE:

After Baby, Men and Women Are Unhappy in Different Ways; Pushing Pre-Emptive Steps



Dominick Reuter for the Wall Street Journal

After their daughter was born, Richard Goodrow and Corrie Fisher started taking walks to resolve disagreements. The couple in Boston with Cecelia, now 2½.

Along with shopping for sippy cups and strollers, expectant parents may want to consider another task for their to-do list: honing their marriage skills.

Numerous studies have shown that a couples' satisfaction with their marriage takes a nose dive after the first child is born. Sleepless nights and fights over whose turn it is to change diapers can leach the fun out of a relationship.

Now, a growing number of mental-health professionals are advising couples to undergo pre-baby counseling to hash out marital minefields such as divvying up baby-related responsibilities, money issues and expectations for sex and social lives. A growing number of hospitals, midwives and doulas (birth coaches who provide physical and emotional support) are teaching relationship skills alongside childbirth education classes.

About two-thirds of couples see the quality of their relationship drop within three years of the birth of a child, according to data from the Relationship Research Institute in Seattle, a nonprofit organization focused on strengthening families. Conflict increases and, with little time for adult conversation and sex, emotional distance can develop.

### Baby Delivers Problems

- **CONFLICT INTENSIFIES:** If you fought about, say, finances before the baby, you'll likely fight about them more after.
- **ROLES CHANGE:** Men may feel useless as women breastfeed and focus their energy on the baby.
- **CONVERSATION DULLS:** With so many logistics to hash out, real talks that bond a couple are hard to come by.
- **SLEEP IS SCARCE:** A baby's schedule means both parents may be sleep-deprived—and short-tempered.

Men and women experience the deterioration differently: Mothers' satisfaction in their marriages plummets immediately; for men, the slide is delayed a few months. Hormonal changes, the physical demands of childbirth and nursing, and an abrupt shift from the working world to being at home with an infant may explain that, says Renay Bradley, the director of research and programming at the Relationship Research Institute.

A key source of conflict among new parents is dividing up—and keeping score of—who does what for the baby and the household. Counselors at Urban Balance have expectant couples make a list of every potential task—from paying bills and cooking dinner to getting up with the baby at 3 a.m.—and decide who is going to be responsible for each one.

"We felt better prepared," says Mary Gould Moorhead, a 34-year-old teacher from Chicago and mother of an 8-month-old son who took the Urban Balance course with her husband last year. "I don't think either one of us knew how much work [the baby] was going to be."



Couples are more likely to divorce if they exhibit negative behavior during a conflict before they get married. WSJ's Bonds columnist Elizabeth Bernstein provides you with tips on how to fight better, which psychologists say can save your marriage.

"People spend more time decorating the nursery than preparing the relationship for the arrival of a baby," says Joyce Marter, co-owner of Urban Balance LLC, a five-center psychotherapy practice in the Chicago area that has about 50 to 75 couples going through its \$500, six-session "pre & post baby couples counseling" program each year.

Another program, a 12-hour Bringing Baby Home workshop for expectant and new parents, developed by the Relationship Research Institute, teaches "four steps of constructive problem solving." They include the "softened start-up," a way of bringing up a problem without criticizing. For example, using "I" statements, and saying things like "I would appreciate it if..."

Richard Goodrow and Corrie Fisher found that the best way for them to resolve disagreements after their daughter was born 2½ years ago was by taking long walks. Sitting and talking face to face—where an eye

roll or twinge of pain could derail the discussion—was tough. So every week they'd put their daughter in the stroller and discuss things from how frequently to clean their apartment to Ms. Fisher's dream of going to graduate school.

"If it was skipped, it was surely missed. Tensions would rise," says Ms. Fisher, now a 38-year-old graduate student in Boston. "It is how we process things," says Mr. Goodrow, a 34-year-old IT consultant and sign-language interpreter. "Corrie and I talk about how if we buy a car, our relationship is over."

The couple also has a weekly meeting to synch their calendars. It helps avoid miscommunication, and the resulting arguments, about, for example, who needs to work late—and who needs to be home and watch the baby.

Well-meaning friends and mommy blogs may offer up the cliché antidotes of date nights and sex. While those certainly can't hurt, enhancing the friendship in the relationship is crucial, experts say.

For Tina Cornell and her husband, Chris Sorensen, scheduled date nights were actually stressful. "There's all this pressure to have a meaningful conversation and quality time in a limited time frame," says Ms. Cornell, a freelance jewelry designer and mother of two children, ages 5 and 22 months, in Chesterfield, Mass. Ms. Cornell says she and her husband stay close by making sure to take 10 or 15 minutes every day to laugh together. They'll watch bits of "The Colbert Report" on TV and laugh about politics, she says.

The Bringing Baby Home program suggests that couples spend at least 20 minutes a day talking with each other. It directs participants to ask their partners open-ended questions that go beyond talk of household and kid logistics.

The Relationship Research Institute has trained about 800 people to lead Bringing Baby Home programs since the course's launch in 2005. The program is now offered to couples in at least 17 hospitals across the country.

One of the big parts of pre-delivery counseling is giving couples a clear idea of what they're in for. "I make it clear that everybody struggles," says Jean G. Fitzpatrick, a psychoanalyst in New York who began promoting "pre-baby and postpartum marriage sessions" on her website last year.

The pre-delivery programs have shown some success.

In a 2005 study in the *Journal of Family Communication*, the marital quality for women taking the Bringing Baby Home workshop was relatively stable from just before their child's birth to the first birthday. Women in the control group who weren't in the program faced a marked decline in marital quality during that time.



*Dominick Reuter for the Wall Street Journal*

*Richard Goodrow with his wife, Corrie Fisher, and their daughter, Cecelia.*

Marital quality for men in the Bringing Baby Home group dipped from before birth to age 3 months, but rebounded by the first birthday. Men who didn't take the course saw marriage quality actually rise slightly up until 3 months, but, from there, it fell sharply until the first birthday. The study followed 38 married couples.

Another study published in 2006 in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* showed that expectant couples and new parents who participated in 24 weekly group counseling meetings experienced a much smaller decline in marital satisfaction over about five years compared with parents who didn't have the counseling. The rate of divorce, however, was the same for both. The study followed 66 couples with children and 13 childless couples. (Those without kids didn't see a decline in marriage satisfaction.)

Ms. Cornell reminds herself that this is all temporary. "I always look at the long-term," she says. "'Do I want this person as a companion in 15 years, because that is when I'm going to have him back? Are we going to be enjoying our kids' graduations?'"

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## NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

### SAVE THE DATE

## 2012 SPRING CONFERENCE

### FEBRUARY 15 - 18, 2012

## SPRING CONFERENCE

### Call for Presentations

### "Strengthening Relationships in Today's World"

*Robert Weiss LCSW, CSAT-S* is the Keynote Speaker for the upcoming Annual TAMFT Conference in 2012. For more information on Mr. Weiss, visit his website

[www.robertweissmsw.com](http://www.robertweissmsw.com)

The Conference Committee of TAMFT invites the submission of workshop proposals for presentation at the 2012 Conference of the Tennessee Division of AAMFT. Proposals are welcome from all individuals and organizations involved in improving the quality of individual, couple or family life.

We encourage presentations that advance participants' knowledge and skills. Most conference attendees are experienced marriage and family therapists, so workshops should match the attendees' level. Please present information at an intermediate to advanced skill level to maintain the interest of our participants. Presentations may be about any topic related to marriage and family therapy. We would like for chosen presentations to reflect our theme "Strengthening Relationships in Today's World".

Presentation proposals must be received on or before October 14, 2011

Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Each year Continuing Education Units are offered to our TAMFT Conference participants through Austin Peay State University. As part of this process, APSU requires each presenter's resume or vita.

*Applicants will be notified by November 21, 2011  
as to whether or not their proposals have been accepted.*

**Each applicant must complete the  
Presenter Information and Presenter Agreement forms  
& return them along with the proposal and a current resume/vita.**

**Please send all required materials to:**

**TAMFT Conference Committee, c/o Julie Barnes  
2241 Stratford Ave  
Nashville, TN 37216-3420  
Or  
[julie\\_b83@yahoo.com](mailto:julie_b83@yahoo.com)**



# TAMFT PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

## PRESENTER INFORMATION

Presenter's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earned degree: \_\_\_\_\_ AAMFT membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TAMFT PRESENTER AGREEMENT

For All Presenters:

- I understand that each presenter will register for the full conference and pay the conference fee. The exception to this policy shall be the non-member presenter who is not attending the rest of the conference. That presenter will not pay the conference fee.
- I understand that I am responsible for presenting this program should the committee accept it.
- I will coordinate the presentation and act as a primary contact with the conference planners.
- I agree to inform the conference planners of any changes that occur in the information on the application.
- I understand and agree with the following statement from the Committee on Ethics:

TAMFT's policy stipulates that no workshops or seminars shall involve live presentations of current or former clients. Any possible exception must receive specific and written approval from the Board of the Tennessee Division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Presenters are also reminded of the importance of insuring confidentiality when using verbal, written, or video presentations as stated in Principle II in the 2001 AAMFT Code of Ethics. Sub-principle 2.3 states, "Marriage and family therapists use client and/or clinical materials in teaching, writing, consulting, research, and public presentations only if a written waiver has been obtained in accordance with Sub-principle 2.2, or when appropriate steps have been taken to protect client identity and confidentiality." Sub-principle 2.6 states, "Marriage and family therapists, when consulting with colleagues or referral sources, do not share confidential information that could reasonably lead to the identification of a client, research participant, supervisee, or other person with whom they have a confidential relationship unless they have obtained the prior written consent of the client, research participant, supervisee, or other person with whom they have a confidential relationship. Information may be shared only to the extent necessary to achieve the purposes of the consultation."

Signature of Main Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PROPOSAL FOR WORKSHOP

**Presenter name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of presentation:**

- Short presentation of material followed by audience discussion
- In-depth presentation of a specific topic with a shorter period for interaction
- A didactic presentation with group discussion and/or exercises geared toward skill development
- A panel with a topic addressed through formal presentations and interaction among presenters followed by interaction with the audience
- Video presentations/discussion (see confidentiality requirement note)

**Level:**

- Introduction to subject
- Advanced (assumes familiarity with basic concepts)
- All levels

**Presentation needs:**

- Overhead
- White board
- Flip chart
- TV/VCR
- Projector

**Target audience:**

- Students
- Teachers
- Supervisors
- Practitioner

Presenters using PowerPoint or other presentation software must provide their own laptop computer. If you have a portable PowerPoint projector, help TAMFT reduce significant conference costs by bringing that, too. Otherwise, the projector must be requested with the proposal—last minute requests cannot be honored.

Workshop title: (10 words or less) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Abstract:** (25 words or less to appear in the Conference program)

**Description of workshop presentation:** (maximum 250 words)