# ACMH 2017 Annual Conference

# Request for Parent/Youth Keynote Speakers

The 2017 ACMH Annual Conference will be held on September 21st, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing, Michigan.

This year’s theme “***There is No Place Like Home”*** will highlight the importance of home and community as well as family and youth voice and choice in meeting the needs of children and youth with mental health challenges and their families. ACMH believes in mental health services and supports that are community based, family driven, youth guided and those that address the unique needs, desires & culture of each individual family. Our hope is to have conference speakers and sessions that highlight all of these important issues.

Children & youth live in families so improving children’s mental health and the array, accessibility and quality of available services and supports relies on us all listening to and learning from youth and families - whose experience and expertise about what works best for them puts them in a unique position to guide us. This Conference is a great place for you to share what works for you!

The Conference Committee is currently accepting applications for both a Parent Keynote Speaker and a Youth Keynote Speaker to headline the conference. These will be two separate keynote addresses. (The parent or youth do not need to be related or even acquainted to participate.) Keynote presentations will last for 15-20 minutes.

The keynote speaker must be a youth or parent of a child or youth with mental health challenges who is currently or has previously received support or services from mental health, child D, special education or juvenile justice.

If you are interested in giving the keynote address please complete and return the attached application to:

ACMH Conference Keynote Speaker Application

By Email at: acmhterri@sbcglobal.net

By Fax at: 517-372-4032

Or mail to:

ACMH

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## Lansing, Michigan 48917

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##### Applications must be received by Friday, August 11, 2017

## *Questions? Feel free to call the ACMH office at 517-230-8891*

##### ACMH Annual Conference

#####  Parent/Youth Keynote Speaker Interest Form

###  Deadline: Friday, August 11, 2017

**Name of keynote speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Age (if youth): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**County:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why are you interested in giving the keynote address?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**What about your experience will help to illustrate the importance of home and community or youth or family voice and choice?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**What information or ‘message’ would you like to share with participants?**

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**Anything else you would like us to know about you or your message?**

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**Do you have experience with public speaking? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_**

**(not having experience will not keep you from being selected)**

#### **Will you need any equipment for your presentation other than a microphone? For example: Will you need a projector, laptop, or other audio-visual equipment? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_**

**If yes what will you need? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If selected as a keynote speaker, would you like any support in preparing or practicing your message prior to the event? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

Please feel free to contact us prior to the deadline if you have questions, need additional information or would like help filling out the form.

We will contact everyone who submits a Keynote Speaker Interest Form by Friday Monday August 21st.

If you do not hear back from us please contact Terri at 517-230-8891 or by email at acmhterri@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks so much for your interest in being a keynote speaker and sharing your expertise!

The ACMH Team