



Call for abstracts - Professional Providers Program

United in Hope 2025 PWS Conference

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

Phoenix, Arizona, USA

June 25-26, 2025

Abstract submission is now open!

The ***United in Hope: PWS Professional Providers Conference*** will feature oral presentations and poster sessions on topics essential to specialist professional care of Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS). This highly collaborative conference focuses on ***“Sharing the care,”*** exploring the role of professional providers in supporting families, clinical, and interdisciplinary services to develop a whole-person approach which ultimately helps the person with PWS to live their best life once in residential services.

Whether you have daily or occasional involvement as a professional caregiver of people with PWS or are in a supportive role for your country’s national PWS association, we invite you to attend. Please follow the guidelines at the end of the document to submit your abstract.

Desired topics include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Aging in PWS**
- 2. Caregivers Working with the Family of the Person with PWS**
- 3. Creative Therapy Options for People with PWS (ex: Art, Dance, Music)**
- 4. Decreasing Challenging Behaviours in PWS**
- 5. Friends, Relationships and Sexuality**
- 6. Understanding Nutrition for People with PWS**
- 7. Overcoming Cultural Barriers and Stigma**
- 8. Siblings of People with PWS who are in Residential Care**
- 9. Supporting Families in Early Intervention**
- 10. Specialist Support Services (ex: Respite Care)**
- 11. Supports Available for People with PWS with Very Challenging Behaviour**

Abstract Guidelines for the United in Hope: 2025 PWS Professional Providers Conference

Notes on applying:

- Abstracts should be written in English.
- Please indicate on your abstract whether you are applying for oral presentation, poster or either.
- Poster presentations will take place during lunch sessions and in a dedicated poster session. Presenters are expected to be present at their poster during their designated times.

Abstract template:

- Abstracts should fit on 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins using an Arial font.
- Abstracts are limited to one side of one page.
- Title: Arial 14 point, bold. Place at the top.
- Names: Arial 11 point.
- Underline the person giving the presentation.
- Addresses: Arial 10 point in italics. No bold.
- Email addresses of the first, presenting, and senior authors: Arial 10 point.
- Abstract content: Text only, 11 point font size. Single space.
- Use the following structure: Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions and Acknowledgements
- See Sample Abstract Format at the end of this document.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Please ensure you have the permission of each named author to have this abstract submitted.
- By submitting the abstract, you give us permission to include it in our conference program.
- By accepting an oral or poster presentation you agree to attend the conference or send a substitute. If you are unable to attend or to send a substitute, then your abstract will be removed from the program.

Review process:

Our panel of reviewers will rate the submissions based on the following criteria:

- Clarity
- Relevance to PWS and the scope of the conference

Important dates:

- 5 November 2024 abstract due to IPWSO office.
- 15 November 2024 authors will be notified regarding acceptance.

Submit abstracts using the online format:

- Upload documents in the following formats only: pdf version of the abstract and Microsoft Word docx version of the abstract.
- Save completed documents for uploading with the file name as follows: *Last name, First name of first author, and brief title.*

For any queries email: conference@ipwso.org

**Sample Professional Providers Abstract Format for the
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Approaches to Behaviour in Prader-Willi Syndrome Care Homes

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Introduction:

Methods:

Results:

Conclusions: