The **18th Annual Children's Law Conference**, will be held November 4, 2016, at the Columbia Conference Center in Columbia, SC. The Conference will address a range of issues that emphasize how best to support children and families involved in the child protection and juvenile justice court systems and help them achieve better outcomes.

**The Audience:**
The Audience will include attorneys, case workers, social workers, law enforcement, service providers, court administrators, law professors, child advocates, policy makers, and other child welfare and juvenile justice professionals.

**The Content:**
Proposals should focus on improving the skills of professionals working with children involved in the child protection and juvenile justice court systems. Some potential topics to be covered at the conference include:

- **Emerging Issues in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice**
- **Children with Disabilities**
- **Mental Health**
- **Immigration**
- **Native American Families**
- **Youth in Transition**
- **Poverty**
- **Child Trafficking**
- **Re-entry into Community**
- **Substance Use**
- **Trauma**
- **Kinship Care**
- **Law and Policy**
- **LGBTQ Youth**
- **Best Legal Practices**
- **Model Child- and Family-Serving Programs**
- **Domestic Violence: Impact on Children**

This list is not exhaustive; we look forward to reviewing all of your ideas.

**Format and Submission:**
Proposals should be for 1-hour workshops and must include:

- Title
- Brief biography (no more than 100 words) of each presenter (proposals with three or fewer presenters are preferred)
- Contact information for each presenter (organization, address, phone and fax numbers, and email)
- Brief list of previous presentations on proposed or similar topics
- Short description of the proposed workshop (50 words or less)
- A description of any handouts and tools to be used at the workshop
Proposals that highlight a successful program should also address how the program achieved measurable success, and should include useful tools and how the program may be replicated.

Please submit your workshop proposal(s) by May 2, 2016, to Richeyb@mailbox.sc.edu.

Each submission will be reviewed by Children's Law Center staff. If accepted, travel and lodging expenses will be covered and conference registration fees will be waived for presenters.

Thank you for your time and support.