



# The National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect

## Disruption Paper Process

The National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect (End CAN) is seeking applications for “disruption” papers that would serve as a guide for grantmaking for the organization in the coming years. EndCAN’s work is rooted in the belief that child abuse and neglect is a physical, mental and public *health* problem in addition to being a social and legal issue that is usually addressed by child welfare and the courts. We believe that if we were creating a “Child Protection System” – broadly defined as the multiple disciplines and members of society that are needed to address all forms of abuse and neglect of children – today, that it would be different from the system that developed de facto over the past 50+ years and continues to exist today throughout the United States. These disruption papers provide an opportunity for professionals in the field and others to develop concepts for how we might re-create a better Child Protection System that effectively prevents and treats all forms of child abuse and neglect.

Individual or team applicants are invited to submit a letter of intent by August 24, 2018. This letter should introduce the topic and approach that the applicant wishes to explore in greater depth if they are selected to submit a full disruption paper. For each of the four areas below, EndCAN will invite three to five semifinalists to submit full disruption papers. The papers will be judged by a peer review panel that will select one winning paper in each of the four focus areas. Each winning author or team will receive a \$10,000 prize and will be invited to present their paper at EndCAN’s Inaugural Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado in March 2019 or another national meeting. In addition, all of the winner’s and semifinalists’ papers will be published in a journal as part of a special issue on the Future of the Field of Child Abuse and Neglect.

We initially seek applications for papers in our four focus areas, listed below.

- 1) Research:** What are the gaps in research that interfere with our ability to protect children from abuse and neglect in the United States today? How has the gap widened compared to other child health, mental health and public health problems? How can the field catch up over the next 10-20 years?
- 2) Training:** What are the gaps in training for the professionals (by discipline) and non-professionals (the public) in the community to be able to assure a workforce that can meet the demands of the field for research, clinical care, and prevention?
- 3) Clinical:** What are the venues that should be considered to provide the appropriate diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for children who are victims of intrafamilial abuse and neglect (all forms)? How should the services be provided for children who are abused outside the family? How should these services be paid for? How should quality of the services and outcomes for the children and families be measured?
- 4) Prevention:** What needs to be accomplished within our lifetime to reach the point at which all forms of child abuse and neglect are considered “rare”? How can we take prevention programs to scale and assure that they reach all children and families in the United States?



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In addition, we will invite a fifth paper on the topic of legislative framework. Letters of intent for this paper will be invited in January 2019 once the first group of papers from the four areas above are available for review. Existing federal and state statutes could impede the ability to test the effectiveness of new approaches to how children and families are evaluated and treated when abuse and neglect occurs within the family. Similarly, basic and clinical research on abusive behavior and sexual offending behavior in children and adolescents might also need special approaches. This paper should address the federal, state or local statutory changes that would be needed to allow the current child protection system (which has no evidence to support its effectiveness) to evolve to be compared to new systems that might be suggested in the some of the disruption papers. Examples of topics include whether there should be “waivers” from existing statutes that allow experimentation with how a new child protection system could operate and the safeguards needed to protect children and families as well as professionals as a new system develops.

### **Timeline and Process**

Individuals or teams of individuals interested in authoring a disruption paper on a topic in of the four focus areas should submit a letter of intent, as well as an outline for the full paper, by August 24, 2018. Letters of intent should be no more than three pages and submissions should be either Word or PDF format. A panel of experts and the Board of EndCAN will judge the entries. Three to five semifinalists will be selected in each focus area and will be invited to submit a full-length disruption paper by January 15, 2018. These semifinalists will be announced in September at an event in Washington, DC. A peer review panel will evaluate the semifinalists’ full-length disruption papers and select one winning author or team from each of the four focus areas. Winners will be notified by the end of January 2019 if they have been selected and will be invited to present their paper at an EndCAN or other national meeting. All winning and semifinalist papers will be submitted for inclusion in a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal after the conference.



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August 24, 2018	Letters of intent and outlines for papers on topics in four focus areas due
Late September 2018	Semifinalists announced and invited to submit full disruption papers (three to five semifinalists per focus area)
January 15, 2019	Full disruption papers for topics in four focus areas due
Late January 2019	Letters of intent for Legislative Framework papers invited
By January 31, 2019	Winners for papers in each focus area notified
March 2019	Winners present papers at EndCAN Inaugural Conference in Denver, CO

Questions about the competition should be sent to [richardkrugman@endcan.org](mailto:richardkrugman@endcan.org)

### **About National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect (EndCAN):**

EndCAN is a new non-profit whose primary objective is to launch and sustain a new nationwide movement to support research, training, prevention, and advocacy, all designed to end child abuse and neglect in our lifetime. To do so, EndCAN will work with existing partners to change the conversation around child abuse and neglect as just a social and legal issue, to the significant health, mental health and public health issue it is.