Call for Presenters (overview)

Arizona State University’s School of Social Work & Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Winter Institute: First Responder & Behavioral Health Cross-Training Conference will be held April 8-9, 2021 at the ASU SkySong in Scottsdale, AZ. The conference brings together Behavioral Health and Public Safety professionals to promote awareness and alliance. This year’s Winter Institute will be a hybrid conference incorporating both virtual and in person presentations.

Last year, ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy brought together experts, leadership, and veterans of Arizona Public Safety sectors including: firefighters, police officers, correctional personnel, and emergency medical responders. In collaboration, we identified a strong need for cross training between departments, in order to establish coordinated community response. Participants emphasized a need to recognize first responder health & wellness, community collaboration, correctional healthcare, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Suicide Prevention & Intervention, and how to take a person-centered approach when responding to incidents.

Presentations may be either individual or tandem teams of Public Safety and Behavioral Health Professionals and 75 minutes in length.

Submission Guidelines:

Consider innovative and impactful initiatives that you have been part of that should be shared with others. Presenters are encouraged to consider alignment with the conference theme and focus on one or more of the following suggested topical areas:

- Crisis Counseling, CISM, Verbal De-escalation
- Law Enforcement Ethics & Cultural
- Mental Health & Substance Use (co-occurring disorders)
- CIT Community Collaboration
- Stress, Coping, & First Responder Wellness
- Behavioral Health
- Correctional Health Care
- Victim Offender Dialogue
- Spiritual Care
- First responders encountering juvenile offenders and/or juveniles with mental health issues in the
community
- Critical Time Intervention opportunities for those with co-occurring conditions in County Jails
- PTS, PTSD or PTSI – Understanding from a First Responder Perspective
- First Responder Suicide Prevention & Intervention
- First Responder Health & Wellness
- MAT Programs

When submitting your workshop proposals, please include the following:

- Workshop Title
- Workshop Description (100-word abstract for the program)
- Learning Objectives for public safety and behavioral health professionals
- Main Presenter Information - Name, Title, Agency, Address, Email and Phone Number
- Co-Presenter(s) Information (if applicable)
- Main Presenter Biography

Presenters will receive a complementary conference registration.

Application deadline is 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time) on Monday, January 18, 2021. Lead presenters will be notified of their presentation status on or prior to Friday, January 22, 2021.

For the 2021 conference, an emphasis will be placed on sessions that:

- Demonstrate evidence-based research and best practices.
- Collaboration between service providers and first responders.
- Cultural Competencies for First Responders.
- Working with special populations.
- Advance clinical initiatives to inform innovative and best practices.
- Research and/or programs that may be easily replicated.
- Organizational and operational strategies
- Point of care strategies
- Support for families of first responders
- Data on suicide to inform prevention efforts

As you consider possible program submissions, try to also answer the following questions:

- Who is your audience?
- What do you have to offer the participants?
- How do we encourage the participants to think/do their work differently?
- How do we challenge participants to confront the hardest issues and overcome challenges?
- How do we encourage participants to use the values of their organization as the foundation of their work?
- How do we help participants perform their roles exceptionally well?
- How do we help develop participants as exceptional professionals?
- How do we prepare participants to succeed now?
- How do we prepare participants to succeed in the future?
- How do we help participants see the work they perform as a catalyst to making our communities and the world a better place?
- What do you want participants to walk away with? *these may be either tangible or knowledge outcomes.
- Most of the attendees are experienced leaders and professionals, so start beyond the basics.
- Provide resources, handouts, and checklists for participants to utilize when they return to their organizations and jurisdictions.
Session Development:

- Your program and language must be inclusive of all participants at the conference.
- Research claims and data should be valid, reliable and relevant to the fields of public safety, behavioral health, mental health, and/or substance use disorders.

Presenter Information and Expectations:

- Read the Call for Presenters Overview.
- Provide an educational experience that is inclusive of all attendees, unless explicitly explained in the program summary.
- Register as attendees at the selected 2021 conference.
- Share all Conference communication with co-presenters (if applicable).
- Acknowledge no schedule or program changes will be made after March 12, 2021.
- Provide program presentation materials to ASU by April 1, 2021. Materials will be published online immediately following the conference.
- If requesting an LCD projector, the presentation team is responsible for providing its own laptop and any adapter required to connect via VGA.
- Undertake all aspects associated with printing session handouts (creation, printing, distributing, etc.). ASU will not provide any on-site copying for presenters.
- Be aware, a “session monitor” will be present to manage program evaluation and monitor on-time program ending. Session content should accommodate for a 2-minute introduction and a 5-minute conclusion from a session monitor.
- Presenters will receive a complimentary registration to attend the entire conference.
- Participants enjoy interaction to learn from one another in small groups while sharing great ideas from these discussions. Do not use the time on anything unessential to the learning experience or learning out-comes.
- Don’t try to accomplish too many things in one session. Avoid creating content that is a “mile wide and an inch deep.”

Call for Presenters Form

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Important Dates

Call for Presenters Due: Jan 18, 5 PM (AZ time)
Selected Presenters Notified: Jan 22, 2021
Conference Registration Opens: Jan 22, 2021
Conference: Apr 8-9, Scottsdale, AZ