Call for Presenters (overview)

Arizona State University’s Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Winter Institute for Public Safety & Behavioral Health Conference will be held Feb 18-20, 2020 at the ASU West Campus in Glendale, AZ. The conference brings together Behavioral Health and Public Safety professionals to promote awareness and alliance.

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 drug-induced behavioral symptoms and best ways to respond, compassion/work fatigue, trauma-informed response, 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.

We are also seeking panel experts of 3-5 individuals for moderated presentations and discussion on Suicide Prevention and Secondary Trauma.

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:

- Suicide Prevention
- Compassion Fatigue
- Compounding Stress
- Resilience/Coping Strategies
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Sleep Hygiene
• Effective Communication/De-escalation
• Personal Safety
• Public Safety and Harm Reduction
• Sharing Resources across Disciplines
• Working w/Community Members who have Autism, Dementia, Homeless, or Specific Mental Health Issues
• Crisis Response
• Cancer in Firefighters

When submitting your workshop proposals, please include the following:

• Workshop Title
• Workshop Description (100-word abstract for the program)
• Workshop Description (extended for program review/selection – approx. 800 words)
• 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

If your proposal includes more than one presenter, only one presenter will receive a complementary one-day conference registration; up to two (2) additional presenters may attend the conference at a reduced registration fee.

Application deadline is 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time) on Friday, Nov 8, 2019. Lead presenters will be notified of their presentation status on or prior to Friday, Nov 15, 2019.

For the 2020 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.

**Session Development:**

• 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.
• 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 2020 conference.
• Share all Conference communication with co-presenters (if applicable).
• Acknowledge no schedule or program changes will be made after Jan 15, 2020.
• Provide program presentation materials to ASU by Feb 1, 2020. 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 one-day registration on their conference registration fees and 50% discount if they would like 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 outcomes.
• 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

Important Dates
Call for Presenters Due: Nov 8, 5 PM (AZ time)
Selected Presenters Notified: Nov 15, 2019
Conference Registration Opens: Nov 15, 2019
Conference: Feb 18-20, Glendale, AZ

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