Call for Presentations

Arizona State University School of Social Work is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Winter Institute for First Responder and Behavioral Health Cross-Training will be held Wednesday February 23 and Thursday February 24, 2020 at the ASU Skysong in Scottsdale, as well as online over Zoom.

The hybrid conference will bring together Behavioral Health and Public Safety professionals to promote awareness and alliance with experts, leadership, and veterans of Arizona public safety sectors including: firefighters, police officers, correctional personnel, emergency medical responders, crisis responders, researchers, drug counselors, and a wide variety of behavioral health experts.

This year, our new advisory team identified a strong need for cross training between departments, in order to establish coordinated community response.

We are currently accepting proposals for the 2022 conference.

Submission Guidelines:

Presentations may be either individual, or tandem teams of Public Safety and Behavioral Health Professionals and 90 minutes in length. Presenting in tandem is strongly encouraged.

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:

- Recognizing drug-induced behavioral symptoms and best ways to respond
- Compassion or work fatigue; Finding balance in your life
- Addressing burnout
- Trauma-informed response
- Dealing with Death and Managing Grief
- The Importance and Science of Sleep / Sleep Hygiene
- Parenting in General /Caregiving as a First Responder
• Preserving and Improving Interpersonal Relationships
• Working with other sectors of the helping professions, such as Social Workers
• Peer support and sharing lived experience
• Showing humanity within first responder roles
• Understanding the cultures of first responders
• Finding common ground in the community
• Addressing fear and shame associated with addiction, isolation, depression, etc…
• How to address different types of addictions such as gambling; work, substances, etc
• 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 other specific mental health issues
• Cancer in First Responders
• Crisis Response

When submitting your workshop proposals, please consider:

• 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 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.
• 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 Expectations

• Provide an educational experience that is inclusive of all attendees, unless explicitly explained in the program summary.
• Register as attendees for the conference (free as a presenter), and attend in-person on the day of your presentation – please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your presentation if you are not attending the full day.
• Share all Conference communication with co-presenters (if applicable).
• Acknowledge no schedule or program changes will be made after Feb 1, 2022
• Provide program presentation materials to ASU by Feb 1, 2022. Materials will be published online immediately following the conference.
• 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 on their conference registration.
• 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.

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 in APA format.
• Main Presenter Information - Name, Title, Agency, Address, Email and Phone Number
• Co-Presenter(s) Information (if applicable)
• Main Presenter Biography (200-400 words)
• Additional Presenter Biographies (200-400 words)

If your proposal includes more than one presenter up to two (2) additional presenters may attend the conference at no additional cost.

Application deadline is 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time) on Friday, January 7, 2022. Lead presenters will be notified of their presentation status on or prior to Monday, January 17, 2022.

Submit your presentation

Important Dates
Call for Presenters Due: Jan 7; 5 PM (AZ time)
Selected Presenters Notified: Jan 17; 2022

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