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Call for Presentations

September 19 – 23, 2016
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
San Diego, California

Proposals deadline to May 23, 2016

Peerlink National Technical Assistance Center announces Alternatives 2016, the 30th national mental health conference organized by and for mental health consumers/ survivors, will be held in San Diego, California at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center.

Topic Areas for Workshops:

We invite everyone to consider becoming a presenter. **First-time presenters are especially welcome.** Learning from each other is a clear example of self-help, mutual support, and the principles of recovery in action!

Each Alternatives Conference offers in-depth technical assistance on peer-delivered services and self-help/recovery methods. The Alternatives 2016 Conference Committee, which includes consumer/survivor/peer leaders from across the nation, is seeking proposals for presentations. This year the Alternatives Conference is interested in including diverse perspectives that will provide critical leadership in every category.

Workshops will be selected from the following topical categories:

Promising Practices in Peer-Run Programs & Peer Delivered Services -

Culturally-specific programming (i.e. veteran to veteran, youth to youth); Innovations within the field; Practices that promote peer services; Peer-run organizational development, peer specialists, and other peer workforce development

Leadership Development - Non-profit management Board of Directors development, Building and sustaining your 501c3; Promoting individual leadership; organizational and leadership sustainability

Whole Health & Wellness - Culturally-responsive health & wellness strategies; holistic nutrition, healthcare integration; understanding and improving your physical health and overall health

Social Justice & Advocacy - Social issues that affect the peer community; history of social justice and civil rights movements; advocacy

Using Technology in Support of Recovery - Using Social Media assistive technologies to promote inclusion; utilizing technology to promote recovery

Youth & Young Adult - Innovations in youth and young adult programs; promoting youth/young adult leadership

Older Adult - Issues that impact quality of life (mental health, physical health, occupation, relationships) for older adults and innovative programs that improve these issues

Multiple Pathways to Recovery - Mindfulness; meditation; massage; exercise; artistic expression; companion animals; yoga

Economic Health & Recovery - Employment; financial self-sufficiency; overcoming poverty & income inequality

Selection Criteria:

Peer Reviewers from the Alternatives planning Committee will evaluate proposals according to the following:

- Diversity, cultural leadership and responsiveness will be honored as core content of any presentations
- Presentations emphasizing the participation of attendees and ability to replicate ideas will be given priority consideration
- Relevance of the presentation to the conference theme and suggested subject areas
- Expertise and experience of presenters
- Opportunities for participants to develop new skills and/or replicate a successful program
- Indication that the lead presenter is a consumer/survivor/peer
- Indication of partnerships with providers, family members and/or others
- Clear outline of the purpose and learning objectives of the presentation
- Completion of all related sections in the application

APPLICATION PAGE:

2016 Application For Workshops

Please note: if you will be submitting your proposal online you may use this form to complete the necessary information prior to starting the online submission process.

- I understand that all presenters must pay the full conference registration fee and are also responsible for all travel and lodging expenses.
- I understand that if my proposal is selected, wording may be edited for publication.

Title of Presentation (exactly as you would like it printed in the conference materials, must be 25 words or less):

Please indicate format: 45-Minute Workshop 90-Minute Workshop

Topic area of program (choose from list): _____

Please provide a description of how cultural issues relate to the topic you plan to discuss:

Does the lead presenter identify as a consumer/survivor/peer? Yes No

Lead presenter Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Have you presented at an Alternatives Conference previously? Yes No

If yes, please specify topic(s) and year(s) _____

Please list any other conventions or gatherings at which you have presented this topic:

Co-presenter(s)

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*Alternatives 2016 will not provide LCD projectors or laptop computers; however, presenters are welcome to bring their own or borrow from other presenters.

All session rooms will come with a basic AV support package (includes: screen, connections for equipment, and basic AV table with electrical connections.) If you do not need AV support for your session please indicate "NO" in the additional AV requirements section below:

Does your presentation require Audio/Visual Equipment?

- Microphone
- Flip chart/markers
- I will bring MY OWN Laptop
- I will bring MY OWN LCD projector
- I will need to BORROW a LCD projector
- I am willing to share my equipment with other presenters.

Additional AV requirements: _____

Proposals deadline extended to May 23, 2016:

Apply online or by e-mail, or mail one (1) copy of:

- Completed application form
- 50-word session description for the presentation
- One-page outline of presentation (include learning goals and objectives).
- Brief biography (no more than 50 words for each presenter) to include your cultural lived experience as it relates to the topic you plan to discuss.

Online: [CLICK HERE](#) to access the submission site. You will be asked to create a username and password to enter the site.

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