



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JUNE 23, 2017

2017 CMHO Conference

BOLD IDEAS:

Exploring Research, Elevating Practice, Influencing Policy



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CMHO is pleased to announce our 2017 Conference: "BOLD IDEAS: EXPLORING RESEARCH, ELEVATING PRACTICE, INFLUENCING POLICY." We are challenging ourselves to BE BOLD this year to highlight the best in emerging research, innovative approaches to program practice and treatment, and courageous ways to encourage our collective participation in the policy-making process.

This conference is the largest of its kind in Canada. With a goal of building a stronger mental health system for infants, children and youth, the conference convenes leaders from children's mental health centres and their cross-sectoral partners, including those from hospitals, primary care, education, child welfare, youth justice and adult mental health. The conference provides an opportunity to highlight evidence-based practices, share knowledge and experience, and to build on our collective efforts to improve outcomes for infants, children, and youth, together with their families.

OBJECTIVES

- Showcase leading research and emerging new practices
- Address challenges facing the sector and seek solutions
- Identify opportunities to lead and collectively influence system change

WHO WILL ATTEND?

- CMHO Members: Executive Directors, Board Members, Clinical Leaders, Administrative Leaders and Direct Service Providers
- Mental Health Leads from School Boards
- Mental Health Professionals
- Child Protection Leaders
- Youth Justice Leaders
- Healthcare System Leaders
- Public Health Professionals
- Government Officials
- Youth (from The New Mentality, The Youth Action Committee and elsewhere)
... and more

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BE PART OF THIS EXCITING CONFERENCE BY SUBMITTING A PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

The CMHO Conference team is seeking submissions that provide practical examples of how you or your organization have taken bold steps to address a challenging issue and what you learned along the way. Workshops that highlight innovative, evidence-based initiatives and approaches and provide practical take-aways for participants are encouraged.

Primary audiences are:

1. **Clinical leaders** working in community-based infant, child, and youth mental health
2. **Community leaders** working in leadership and governance roles, including executive directors and board members of CYMH agencies

Please specify your target audience(s) in your application. Suggested topics are listed below.

Ideas for Category 1 for CYMH clinical leaders:

Bold new initiatives and innovative practices related to:

- Specific populations
 - Complexity or acuity
 - Addictions
 - Development stage (infant, school-age, teen, young parents)
 - Neurodevelopmental disorders
 - Diversity (Indigenous, Francophone, Racialized Groups)
- Assessment, outcomes, performance measurement, system indicators
- Incorporating youth and/or family voice in the treatment approach
- Quality improvement

Ideas for Category 2 for individuals in leadership and governance roles:

Bold new initiatives and innovative practices related to:

- Building a culture of continuous improvement
- Change management initiatives to foster innovation
- Leadership style and its impact on outcomes
- Board tools and practices to stimulate innovative ideas

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PRESENTATION FORMATS

A. Workshops

- 60-minute presentation plus 30 minutes of interaction and discussion

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted online at www.cmho.org by June 23, 2017

Proposals consist of:

- Title
- Learning objectives
- Presenter name(s), organizational affiliation(s), and title(s)/position(s).
Please note: Workshops are limited to 4 presenters. The person submitting the proposal is the contact person and will be the only person contacted about the proposal (it will be that person's responsibility to communicate with others involved).
- Description of the presentation (max. 500 words). This is the only information used to evaluate your proposal. Please use non-technical, jargon-free language.
- Description of how your presentation fits with the theme of the conference: "**BOLD IDEAS**".
- Description of how you will engage the audience and how much time will be planned for audience participation.
- An abstract of your presentation (max. 50 words), which will be used in all conference advertising material. Please use clear language and ensure that your description accurately reflects the content that will be delivered.
- Identification of target audience(s); please refer to Category 1 or 2, as described above.

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CRITERIA FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

The 500-word description will be the basis for selecting the proposals. All proposals will be independently rated by a selection panel based on:

- Clarity and quality of the description.
- Alignment with the conference theme: ***“BOLD IDEAS: EXPLORING RESEARCH, ELEVATING PRACTICE, INFLUENCING POLICY”***.
- Strategies for audience engagement.
- Relevance to the category(ies) of audience(s) identified.
- Presentations that offer participants practical information that can be put into practice.

In addition, proposals will be selected to ensure a varied program.

All audio-visual equipment must be ordered in advance. Please specify the audio-visual equipment that you will need for your presentation.

Include a short biography (max. 3 sentences) for each speaker who will take part in the presentation.

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B. Posters

A poster presentation is a visual display of a project with material mounted on a poster board. Poster presenters will have an opportunity to interact with colleagues during refreshment and lunch breaks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING POSTER PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted online at www.cmho.org by June 23, 2017

Proposals consist of:

- Title
- Learning objectives
- Presenter name, organizational affiliation, and title/position. Please note: The committee is limiting each poster to one presenter.
- Description of the poster presentation and how it fits the theme of the conference, ***"BOLD IDEAS: EXPLORING RESEARCH, ELEVATING PRACTICE, INFLUENCING POLICY"*** (max. 300 words). This is the only information used to evaluate your proposal. Please use non-technical, jargon-free language.
- An abstract of your poster presentation (max. 30 words), which will be used in all conference advertising material. Please use clear language!

Audio-visual equipment is not provided for poster presentations. If you plan to use audio-visual equipment, it must be provided by the presenter and you must notify us in advance. Please specify the audio-visual equipment that you will be using for your presentation.

Include a short biography (max. 100 words) for the presenter who will take part in the poster display.

Proposals that are supported by research and evidence are encouraged.

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CRITERIA FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The 300-word description will be the basis for selecting the posters that will be presented.

All evaluations will be based on the following criteria:

- Presentations that best fit the conference theme will be given preference.
- Clarity of learning objectives and quality of description.
- Poster presentations that offer participants practical information that can be put into practice. In addition, proposals will be selected to ensure a varied program.

All proposals must be submitted online by June 23, 2017.

To submit go to www.cmho.org

Please note:

1. All presenters are **required** to register and pay the conference fee for a minimum of one day.
2. Workshop presenters whose proposals are accepted are required to submit electronic handouts for distribution. ***All handouts will be posted to CMHO's website after the conference.***

For more information, please contact Cindy Prins:

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