The Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium was designed to create an environment in which Merrimack Valley SU providers across the spectrum of engagement can meet, network, build relationships, and learn about specific community issues, local resources and best practices.

Last year, the Symposium attracted about 400 attendees, many of which provide direct care services in the substance use disorder field. The feedback from last year’s event has been overwhelming positive, and has really shown us how desperately this event is needed on an annual basis.

The 2019 MVSUDS planning partners are calling for workshop proposals that offer unique educational experiences for professionals in the fields of addiction, treatment, and behavioral health. Our goal is to facilitate an environment in which Merrimack Valley SUD providers across the spectrum of engagement learn about our communities’ local resources, provide education on best practices and also for people to experience educational, informative, inspirational, professional development. Others will benefit from your experience while you make a valuable contribution to the profession.

In 2019, the Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium planning committee is seeking current and relevant information within these twelve topics:

**Integrating Technology, Co-Occurring Disorders, Clinical Skills, Recovery Support (Clinical) Education/INCASE, Peer Recovery (Non-Clinical), Psychopharmacology, Community justice, Provider self-care, Suicide awareness/prevention, prevention, and harm reduction**

Proposals for the 2019 Symposium must link presentation content and learning objectives to previously mentioned topic areas. Additionally, we are particularly interested in presentations which offer:

- Leading-edge information and emerging trends in the field substance use disorder;
- Practical strategies for improvement and innovative, non-traditional approaches;
- “How to” best practices and case studies, including tangible implementation tool(s) and
- Demonstration of measurable impact and use of effectiveness measures/metrics.

### Proposal Submission Timeline:

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Please send all submissions to GLHA.MVSUDS@greaterlowellhealthalliance.org
Benefits of Speaking

The Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium provides a powerful platform to network with 400+ professionals and to share knowledge, lessons learned, and best practices in the field of substance use disorder and behavioral health. As the fiscal sponsor and not-for-profit entity, the Greater Lowell Health Alliance does not provide speaking fees. Instead, we ask that presenters share their expertise in the spirit of furthering the professional development of their colleagues. In exchange, we offer presenters the following:

• Complimentary conference registration
• Valuable experience presenting at the only Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium;
• Networking opportunities with and visibility to 400+ professionals;
• Assistance in shaping the presentation to meet attendee needs and presenter goals

Logistics

Each session will last 45 minutes. We encourage you to leave time at the end for questions.

The Symposium will max out at 500 attendees. Because of space constraints, some sessions will be set in theater style (chairs only; no tables) for maximum occupancy as deemed by the facility and in accordance with local fire safety codes. Presenters should anticipate an audience size of approximately 30 to 120 people per session (more in some cases), and should design their presentation approaches with the facility logistics in mind. Please note that we are unable to modify or alter seating arrangements/set-ups for individual sessions. Rooms are equipped with standardized audio-visual: projection unit/screen and a microphone; any other A/V needs are arranged for by the presenter.

Location: Westford Regency, 219 Littleton Rd, Westford, MA 01886
Date: December 6, 2019  Time: 8am-3pm

Who Will Be In Attendance?

• Law Enforcement Professionals
• Psychologists
• Therapists/Counselors
• Public Health Professionals
• Medical/Health Care Professionals
• Recovery Coaches
• Peer Professionals
• Social Workers
• Interventionists
• Executives
• Marketers
• Others with cause commitment
Speaker(s) / Presentation(s) Proposal

First name:  
Last name:  

Name of your primary contact if other than you:  

Telephone:  -  -  ext.  
Email:  

Your (Presenter's) Title:  
Organization:  
Telephone:  -  -  ext.  
Email address:  

Mailing address:  
City, state and zip:  ,  -  

Speaker / Organization web site address:  

Brief biographical sketch (100 words or less):  

If you’ve presented at a the 2018 MVSUDS, please indicate yes or no:  

Available to present on the following date:  
Friday, December 6, 2019  
Preference for:  □ Morning  □ Afternoon  Any constraints:  

Title of the presentation as you suggest it be published (10 words or less):  

Brief summary/description of presentation (100 words or less)  

*For presenters that are eligible to provide CEUs please include bio, credentials and at least 3 sources from your materials:  

Web address/ link to sample of presentation  

List the top three to five (3-5) learning objectives of your presentation:  
1.  
2.  
3.  

If this presentation has been approved for Continuing Education Credits in the past please list your program number, any expiration and type of credits approved.  

Please indicate which topic area your presentation is best suited for: