REFUGEE SERVICES COLLABORATIVE OF GREATER CLEVELAND
CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Conference Overview

The Refugee Services Collaborative of Greater Cleveland (RSC) proudly announces a call for presenters for its inaugural 2019 RSC Conference, *Great Lakes Conference on Refugee Resilience and Integration: Promising Practices, Emerging Trends,* in Cleveland, Ohio on November 14 and 15, 2019. This important conference will highlight and deepen the dialogue on critical issues in the United States refugee community and serve as a catalyst to move forward best practices, addressing, but not limited to, root causes of refugee displacement, challenges facing the integration of vulnerable refugee communities, and emerging solutions underway across the nation. Specifically, the RSC is requesting presentation proposals for conference workshop sessions that will focus on topics such as:

- Evidence based practices for improving refugee well-being, tools for measuring assessment, evaluation and outcomes
- Strengths-based, trauma-informed, and group-based approaches to refugee wellness
- Factors that further complicate resettlement: substance abuse, domestic violence, evolving gender roles, housing challenges, and intergenerational conflict
- Parenting and children's adjustment following resettlement, addressing acculturation gap and legal requirements
- Cultural, racial and ethnic identity preservation and formation
- In school or after school programing for Pre-K through high school addressing acculturation and academic development for refugee students potentially including university prep options
- Strategies that alleviate barriers to early employment sufficiency and/or sustainable employment including entrepreneurship programs.
- We will also accept creative and engaging topics that do not fall within the topics listed above

The two-day conference will feature three plenary sessions including one with featured speaker Jason Stearns (Stearns is the author of *Dancing in the Glory of Monsters: The Collapse of the Congo and the Great War of Africa* and is Senior Fellow and Director of the Congo Research Group at NYU's Center for International Concerns). There will be fifteen to twenty workshops divided between morning and afternoon sessions on both days, with attendees having the opportunity to select and attend two to three sessions each day. Conference attendees (local, regional, and national) will be professionals in the fields of social service, healthcare, education, housing, and workforce development. CEUs will be offered for this event.

General Workshop Information

Workshop session presenters will be assigned a 75-minute time slot, with an anticipated audience of about 50 people. Presenters can prepare a PowerPoint, provide handouts for participants, engage participants with interactive activities, or utilize other presentation methods. Time will be allotted within the 75 minutes for Q&A following the presentation. The RSC will provide audiovisual equipment in each session room (laptop, projector, and screen). Additionally, the RSC suggests that all presenters make their presentations available to attendees post-conference by sharing their presentation with the conference coordinator who will then share with all attendees.

Submission Guidelines

Potential presenters submitting proposals for the 2019 RSC Conference must provide the following information:

- Name, organization/agency, position title, email address, and biography of presenter(s)
- Background information, qualifications, or other relevant information you would like us to know about you
- Title of proposed presentation
- Brief description of the proposed presentation, including what topic it falls under, session structure (PowerPoint, handouts, interactive activities, etc…) what will be covered, goals and objectives of the session
- Three to four takeaways for someone attending your session
- The target audience for your proposed session (for example, social service, healthcare, housing, etc.)

Submit proposals in PDF format to Pamela Fine at pfine@janussmallassociates.com. If you have questions, Pamela can be reached at 216-991-6003.

Please note since CEU's will be offered for this conference we will need copies of your PowerPoint as well as any handouts.

Criteria for Selection

The proposal review process will include the following selection criteria:

- Relevancy of content to conference overarching focus
- Creative and innovative methodology
- Ease of application of learning experiences by participants
- Content of proposal clearly informed by the presenter's experience, studies, and/or research
- Clarity of concepts and overall concise and logical organization of proposal

Proposal Selection

The deadline to submit a proposal is July 31, 2019. All proposals will be reviewed by a committee, with selected presenters being notified via email by August 15, 2019. Presenters will be assigned a specific date and time of their scheduled workshop session and will be notified with that information in a timely manner.

PLEASE NOTE: All presenters will be receiving complimentary registration for the conference.

In order to render CEU's for the presenters must submit the following: Vitae along with credentials for delivering the topic; Outline and Abstract for the presentation.

The abstract and outline must include the Goals and Objectives for the presentation and a copy of the Power Point along with any handouts. We need these materials from each presenter in order to justify why we awarded CEU's for their portion of the conference day.