

NASW-NYS Invites Proposals for the 2011 Power of Social Work Conference
Optimizing Wellness: An Evidence-Based Practice Perspective

MARCH 11, 2011 ♦ ALBANY, NY

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: OCTOBER 8, 2010

The 2011 conference theme is intended to provide social workers and allied mental health professionals a venue for skill building and informational sessions on methods of optimizing wellness in diverse populations through the utilization of research based interventions with demonstrated efficacy. Areas of particular interest include application of specific treatment modalities/ interventions in promoting wellness, program/ practice evaluation (methods & applications), innovative research/ program models, building collaborations, and creating organizational change to promote wellness/ recovery.

All proposal submissions will be reviewed by the NASW-NYS Program Committee based on the following criteria:

- Adherence to the identified conference theme
- Clarity of the written proposal and area of focus
- Strength of analytical and/or theoretical framework
- Proposal's capacity for skill building/ information dissemination
- Significance of topic for social work practice, research, education, policy or theory
- Presenter's demonstrated expertise in the proposed subject area.

The program committee reserves the right to accept a proposal with a modified presentation format. Upon notification of acceptance, presenters will be informed of any suggested format modifications.

PRESENTATION FORMATS

The four types of presentation formats are:

- (1) **Paper presentation** Papers will be grouped together in sessions by theme. (Length: 20-30 Minutes; Limit two presenters per proposal)
- (2) **Panel Presentation** is an interactive session designed to facilitate discussion on the specified topic. No audio/visual equipment is to be used in this format. Suggested format is brief individual panelist presentations followed by discussion period or Q&A. (Length: 90 minutes; 3–4 panelists)
- (3) **Skill-Building Workshop** will incorporate oral/ visual presentations with opportunities for question and answer period. (Length: 90 Minutes; Limit three presenters)
- (4) **Poster Presentation**: Professionals and social work students are encouraged to submit proposals for poster presentations. Must be present during designated poster session times. See call for posters for details.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Full name, title, organization, address, phone, fax, e-mail, and brief biography (50 word limit) for each presenter.
2. A title, an overview, the proposal, references and no more than 3 learning objectives.

Maximum Text Limits [Title: 12 words; Overview: 50 words; Learning Objectives: 50 words; Proposal Text: 750 words; References: 400 words]

PRESENTER REQUIREMENTS

Presenters must demonstrate their expertise in the proposed topic area. All communications will go to the primary presenter (if more than one). It will be their responsibility to convey information to co-presenters. Presenters are also responsible for providing their own handouts.

Each presenter is expected to register and attend the conference. If any accepted presenters fail to comply with the registration requirement by Friday, December 17, 2010, their names will be removed from the conference program.

NASW-NYS will provide an LCD projector and screen in the room for paper presentation and skill-building sessions. We do not provide laptops or Internet access.

Submissions Must be Received by October 8, 2010

E-Mail submissions to Jacqueline Melecio, Assistant Executive Director at:
Jacqueline_Melecio@naswnys.org

CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS ☞ Deadline Nov. 12, 2010 ☞

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Poster presentations are an alternative to the traditional presentation method as a way of allowing an individual or a group to communicate to the audience the substance of work a social work professional or student has done or is currently engaged in as related to the conference theme. Less formal than a paper presentation, poster sessions allow presenters to show highlights of their work in a briefer format. **Student(s) who submit a poster proposal must have a faculty sponsor to aid the student(s) in the preparation of the proposal and presentation.** Direction and feedback regarding the quality of the paper is the responsibility of the faculty sponsor.

Adherence to the following points will facilitate a successful poster presentation:

- (1) All poster content must be typed
- (2) A minimum font size of 18 for the poster is recommended
- (3) Use an eye-catching, colorful background for your poster
- (4) Poster presentations must be either self-standing for table top display or able to be easily displayed on an easel.

The information presented in the poster presentation includes one or more pages for each of the following sections (staying within a 12-page limit).

For a Research Paper:

- Title, author, and date (college or university, faculty sponsor)
- Abstract that summarizes the poster content
- Background including research question and relevant literature
- Methodology used in conducting research
- Findings-usually presented in tables and charts
- Discussion of results
- Implications for practice
- References

For a Conceptual or Policy paper:

- Abstract that summarizes the poster content
- Background-including a statement of the problem/policy
- Review of relevant literature
- Implications of practice/policy
- Discussion of future practice/policy
- References

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Proposals must include: Title, Author(s) name and contact information, date, and an abstract summarizing the poster content. Students must include the names of their college or university and faculty sponsor.

Email Poster Proposals by November 12, 2010 to Jacqueline Melecio, Assistant Executive Director at: Jacqueline_Melecio@naswnys.org