



BRIDGING THE DIVIDE
SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION SUMMIT

*Promoting Diversity and Inclusion
In Suicide Prevention*

2018 Call for Presentations

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Conference: Thursday May 17, AM to Friday May 18, PM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Monday, February 5, 2018

Notification Date: Friday, February 16, 2018

Dear Suicide Prevention Community:

The Bridging the Divide Summit Planning Committee is seeking proposals for presentations for the 2018 Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit. The conference theme is *Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Suicide Prevention*. Breakout and keynote sessions will focus on promising evidence-based practices that decrease the likelihood of suicide, assist those who struggle with suicidal thinking, and help survivors of suicide loss regain their equilibrium following a loved one's suicide attempt or death by suicide. In an attempt to address as many different areas of inclusion and diversity along with learning a variety of perspectives and experiences, panel presentations are recommended this year. Please keep in mind that you only have one hour which includes Q&A.

Proposals are needed for one-hour breakout sessions.

The focus of presentations should fall into one of the tracks below. At the 2018 Summit, we will explore the importance of diversity and inclusiveness in suicide prevention, intervention and loss support.

- **Clinicians and Peer Supporters:** This track will feature best practices in suicide risk assessment, management, recovery and grief support. Traditional (medication/talk-therapy) and alternative (spiritual, animal-assisted, outdoor adventure, total wellness) interventions are all acceptable. Approaches in various countries/cultures, demographic groups and more.
- **Programs that Work:** This track will highlight evidence-based programs that are showing changes connected to suicide prevention. Presentations must demonstrate both process (e.g., how many people affected) and impact outcomes (e.g., increase in mental health services utilization) and share "lessons learned." Prevention, intervention, crisis and loss support programs are welcome.
- **Research:** This track addresses promising research developments in the field of suicide prevention and mental wellness. Possible topics include but are not limited to effective treatments/therapies, risk factor analysis, empirical studies, successful approaches in various countries/cultures, program evaluation data, and more.
- **People with Lived Experience with Suicide (thoughts, attempts, loss):** This track is designed to lift up the voices and expertise of people with lived experience with suicide – people who have personally been affected by suicidal thoughts, attempts or loss. Presenters in this track may also bring other areas of expertise as researchers, clinicians and advocates, but we are primarily interested in stories of hope and recovery after a suicide crisis.

We are eager to showcase ways in which our colleagues creating and utilizing diversity and inclusion in suicide prevention. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise so that everyone may benefit from your experience. Presenters will be asked to register and pay for conference attendance. We are seeking submissions for a one-hour breakout session on May 17 or 18. Thank you for helping to forge new partnerships and connect those in need of help and life-saving programs with initiatives and services. All submissions are due by 5:00 PM on February 5, 2018.

Sincerely,

The Bridging the Divide Planning Committee

Instructions:

1. Read through this entire document carefully.
2. Follow the guidelines below to complete your submission.
3. Submit all required materials by email to btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org

You MUST send the completed Word document and a signed Letter of Agreement to btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS is 5:00 PM February 5, 2018. You will be notified by February 16, 2018 whether your proposal has been accepted.

Presenter Letter of Agreement

1. I agree to present the content as outlined in proposal to Bridging the Divide.
2. I agree to comply with all program-related deadlines provided to me, including but not limited to: deadline for handouts, electronic version of presentation, AV., etc.
3. During my presentation, I will not engage in any type of promotional marketing or selling of any product or service.
4. If my presentation is accepted, I agree to notify conference program chair in the event that I am not able to present due to an emergency.
5. To the best of my knowledge, my presentation does not violate any proprietary or personal, copyright, trademark, privacy or any other rights, and is factually accurate.
6. I authorize Bridging the Divide to use my name, likeness, photography, and biographical data in connection with the use and promotion of the program.
7. I provide consent to record my presentation, in audio and/or visual form. I understand that Bridging the Divide will be the sole copyright owner of the recording, and can distribute it along with any supporting materials.
8. I authorize Bridging the Divide to electronically distribute presentation materials (PowerPoint presentation, presentation handouts, etc.) via the conference website.
9. I will be responsible for all travel arrangements, and expenses that I incur. I understand that I will not receive royalties, honoraria, reimbursement of expenses, or other compensation in connection with the program or rights granted above.
10. I understand that in order to present at the conference, I must be a paid registered attendee.
11. I understand that I may be asked to combine my presentation with another presenter on like subject matter in attempt to accommodate presenters speaking on similar topics.

By signing this Presenter Letter of Agreement, and based on mutual consideration, I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Presenter Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Contact Information: Please print, and complete in full.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Presentation submissions must include:

1. Presentation Title: Title as printed in program will be limited to 50 characters, including spaces
2. If a panel presentation: Panel Organizer (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Degree, Affiliation)
3. Session or Panel Presenters (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Degree, Affiliation)
4. I am...(check as many as apply)
 - a. Bereaved by suicide
 - b. A suicide attempt survivor
 - c. Someone who lives with suicidal intensity (thoughts and feelings)
 - d. Someone who supports (non-professional – peer, friend or family) someone who has been affected by suicide loss or suicidal behavior
 - e. A mental health professional
 - f. A researcher
 - g. A suicide prevention advocate
 - h. Other_____
5. Presentation Audience (choose one from the left and one from the right column):

a. Survivor of Suicide Loss	Beginner
b. Attempt Survivor	Intermediate
c. Prevention Efforts	Advanced
d. Clinician/Peer Support	
6. If the presentation was previously given: when, where and how many attendees.
7. If you presented at a Bridging the Divide Summit in the past, how long ago, what was the title/content of the presentation, and how was it different from the current proposal?
8. Educational Objectives: List 2-3 objectives using the format: “At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant should be able to: (define, discuss, distinguish, formulate, evaluate, identify, list, summarize, demonstrate, etc.)”
9. Abstract (up to 300 words) that clearly describes the session. Submissions must include:
 - a. How your presentation/panel will address the conference theme.
 - b. How your presentation fits within one of the tracks. **Presenters must choose one track. Panel organizers must be able to identify the intended track in the program.**
 - c. Your results, outcomes, or findings of your/panelists’ work.
 - d. How your/panelists work relates to what is already known on the topic.
 - e. How you will engage your audience.
 - f. How you will meet the educational objectives stated above (#4).

Submissions must be submitted in a PDF format, typewritten, using 12-point font, without bold, italics, underline, bullets, or additional characters.

***Note: Session organizers will be responsible for inviting the panel participants and making sure they register and pay the appropriate conference fee.**