

Abstract Application



CALL FOR PROPOSALS ABSTRACT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Conference Abstract Application Form should be used for the submission of abstracts for panel discussions and workshops. The Conference consists of three tracks:

1. Education and Capacity Building
2. Advocacy and Public policy
3. Wellness and Treatment

Each abstract must be related to one specific track. Please indicate whether the abstract is for a panel presentation or workshop. The abstract cannot include both. Each abstract should also reference one or more of the following populations and/or issues:

- Adolescents and young adults
- Lesbians and WSW
- Gay men and YMSM
- Bisexual communities
- Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People
- HIV/AIDS
- Anti-Violence
- Family
- Substance Use
- Spirituality
- Immigrants
- Older populations
- Families

Abstracts should answer or address any one or more of the following questions:

- 1.) What trends are emerging in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People of Color (LGBT POC) communities?
- 2.) What innovations have been applied to work with LGBT POC?
- 3.) What lessons can be shared with providers and researchers?
- 4.) How has your project, research, or initiative yielded measurable improved health outcomes for LGBT POC?
- 5.) What are the successes and challenges of partnerships between academic institutions, community agencies, medical centers, and other institutions?
- 6.) What advocacy models have worked in LGBT POC communities?

Suggested Topics for the Conference Tracks

Education & Capacity Building: Workshops and trainings in this track focus on innovative and/or effective interventions and research that address and educate about the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health of LGBT POC, as well as explore capacity-building best practices. Subtopics in this track could include:

- Cultural Relevancy
- Descriptions of ways in which providers have made a measurable difference in health outcomes for LGBT POC overall, or in specific subpopulations
- Strides that have been made to improve the infrastructure of health and human service organizations and lessons learned
- Use of different research models to create and implement programs (e.g. following the DEBI models)
- Evaluating programs using the SMART method (e.g. measurable goals and outcomes)
- Fund Development for Sustainability
- Board Development
- Communication and Conflict Resolution
- Staff Development & Coaching
- LGBT POC 101 for first-time attendees
- "Best Practices" discussion amongst agencies that service LGBT populations
- How to do more with less when facing state or local government budget cuts

Advocacy & Policy: Workshops and trainings in this track are designed to address public policy challenges and solutions as they relate to the lives of LGBT POC. This track highlights progress, lessons learned, research, and challenges in LGBT POC-related policy and advocacy, as well as how advocacy efforts have helped to shape policies that improve the lives of LGBT POC. It will examine how policies and programs are developed, debated, implemented, and evaluated, addressing the roles and responsibilities of all parties. Subtopics in this track could include:

- LGBT victim advocacy in the legal system, at shelters, and in housing
- Healthcare policy (e.g., privacy concerns (HIPAA), especially how it relates to youth)
- Political advocacy for agencies
- Advocating with government for LGBT health and human services
- Examining inclusion policies in employment, in city ordinance laws, and partner benefits
- Legal issues concerning LGBT POC-specific needs (e.g. name changes, document changes, public assistance for transitioning costs, sexual assault, domestic violence issues, overview of current laws)

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- Meaningful involvement of LGBT POC and vulnerable subpopulations in policy development and implementation
- Interactions between LGBT issues and other policies, such as gender, race, poverty, education, social welfare, incarceration, globalization, sex work, and migrant workers are also suggested

Wellness & Treatment: Workshops and trainings in this track examine the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of LGBT-POC, as well as treatment of various states of illness and disease facing the LGBT POC communities. Workshops and trainings can also highlight the latest research findings, complexities related to the prevention, diagnosis, natural history and management of both physical and mental health issues that impact the LGBT POC communities. Subtopics in this track could include:

- Harm Reduction and sexual behavior
- Other chronic health conditions, e.g. cancer, lupus, sickle cell, and diabetes
- Etiology of mental health concerns in LGBT POC
- Access to information about healthcare and mental health services
- Spiritual and religious needs of LGBT POC
- The impacts of homophobia and transphobia
- Health strategies and media
- Management of co-modalities
- Alternative therapies and medicines
- Current research in the healthcare fields as it relates to underserved LGBT POC

Panel Presentations

There will be three panels; one for each of the three Health Conference tracks. Each panel will be a 45-minute session designed to provide an overview of the topic area, highlighting some of the key issues warranting further exploration, and subsequent policy and program intervention.

Panel Abstract Application Guidelines

Each panel will include up to four panelists. Each panelist will give a 10-minute presentation followed by a brief question and answer session from the audience.

It is recommended that if submitting an abstract for a panel presentation, a companion abstract will be submitted for a workshop session. This will enable you to present more detailed information in the workshop as well as have additional time for discussion.

Abstracts to be considered for presentation at the New York State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People of Color Health Conference must be submitted on the attached Abstract Submission Form, which is also available online at www.ioovutd.com, in accordance with the following guidelines. Handwritten abstracts will not be accepted.

Workshop Presentations

The workshops are designed to serve as a 90-minute information-sharing and skills-building sessions. Each workshop will be limited to not more than four presenters. Please indicate how your presentation will enhance knowledge and increase skills in the following areas: planning; program development and implementation; evaluation; and/or political advocacy. Handouts, use of audiovisual materials, and participant interaction are highly encouraged. Spanish-language workshops from native speaking presenters will be accepted for review.

Workshop Abstract Application Guidelines

Abstract title, track, category, level, presenter names, and presenter contact information must be provided in the indicated spaces. All authors must be listed. Use additional forms if necessary to list all authors. Do not send curriculum vitae. Abstracts should be between 150 and 200 words. Use font size of 12 point only. No illustrations are permitted within the abstract submission form. Abstracts must contain the following components in this order, with items 1 through 4 not counting towards the word limit:

1. Abstract title
 2. Abstract author(s)
 3. Primary author's contact information
 4. Abstract track
 5. Abstract narrative (150-200 words):
 - a. Background
 - b. Intervention methods
 - c. Results
 - d. Conclusions
- OR
- a. Issue description
 - b. What is known, gaps in knowledge
 - c. Current strategies to address the issue
 - d. Lessons learned, recommendations for the future
6. Learning objectives participants will achieve

Abstract Submissions must be received by June 15, 2018

For confirmation via email, please add confirmation receipts or a self-addressed postcard with appropriate postage.

Abstracts that will not be accepted include:

- Faxed abstracts
- Sales pitch for products or services
- Non-relevant to LGBT POC health and related services
- **Abstracts received after June 15, 2018**

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Abstract Selection Process

Abstract selection criteria include topic relevance to LGBT POC health and related services, level of interest expected in the proposed session and overall clarity of the abstract.

A review panel will make selection recommendations and the conference committee will make final selections and approvals.

Notification of abstract status will be mailed to presenters no later than August 15, 2018.

In Our Own Voices, Inc. will be unable to provide abstract status by phone. Notification will be sent to first author ONLY, so please notify your co-authors of the abstract status.

Submission of an abstract implies a commitment to be present at the conference. All presenters must be registered for the conference.

There is a discounted registration rate of \$250 per person for presenters of workshop and panel presentations. Presenters are required to make all travel and lodging arrangements independently. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of travel and lodging.

Incomplete abstract submissions will not be reviewed or considered. For your convenience, a checklist of abstract submission requirements is provided.

If you have any questions about abstract submission, please visit: www.ioovutd.com or contact Gabby Santos at (518) 432-4188.

Checklist of Abstract Submission Requirements

Please utilize the checklist below as you work through the Abstract Submission process to ensure that you are properly following all guidelines. Please complete the first portion of the checklist before submitting. Please do not mail the checklist with your abstract submission.

Part A)

_____ Abstract is being submitted on the Abstract Submission Form.

_____ Abstract addresses all required components as described in the guidelines.

_____ Abstract is between 150 and 200 words.

_____ A font size of 12 point is used (Times New Roman or Arial).

_____ All co-authors are listed and aware that their names appear on this abstract.

Part B)

_____ Notification from IOOV that Completed Abstract Application has been received on or before June 15, 2018.

Abstract Application Form

Please complete this application to apply to present a workshop or activity at Unity Through Diversity: The Power of Unity Conference: October 4th-7th, 2018 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, New York. Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*). Please print clearly or type. To apply online, go to : www.IOOVUTD.com

*Primary Author (first, last): _____ Title: _____

*Organization: _____

*Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone (with area code first): _____ Fax: _____

*Email: _____ Website: _____

Co-author(s) Name(s): _____

*Brief Biography (30-50 words about the presenter(s)/organization that can be used in brochure). _____

Workshop Details

*Session Title: _____

*Intended Audience _____ *Max. number of participants _____

*Type of Abstract: Workshop Panel Presentation

*Workshop Track: Education & Advocacy Building Advocacy & Public Policy Wellness & Treatment

*Learning Objective(s) of Workshop: _____
(What do you intend participants to gain from attending this workshop?) _____

*Description of Workshop: _____
(50-120 words) _____
Please attach any handouts, notes, or other visual aids that will be used during the workshop. _____

*Equipment Needed: _____
(NOTE: Presenters must provide their own laptops.) _____

We cannot always guarantee all the equipment required for sessions; therefore we need to know if the above equipment is essential for your session to take place: Yes No

The Unity Through Diversity Conference Committee will have the final decision in the selection of workshops and presentations for the 2018 Conference. All applications must be postmarked on or before June 15, 2018.