

Call for Presentations

Connecticut Restraint and Seclusion Prevention Initiative Partnership 5th Annual Conference: September 21, 2018

The Connecticut Interagency Restraint and Seclusion Prevention Initiative is requesting proposals for presentations at our 5th Annual Conference on September 21, 2018. The focus of this year's conference will be "Collaborative Culture: Transforming the Discussion about Preventing Restraint and Seclusion". To sustain ongoing reduction and prevention of restraint and seclusion, agencies often times must change the underlying norms and expectations of individual programs and the agency as a whole. Please share with us the story of your agency's path to changing your underlying culture. What was your goal? What were the specific approaches you implemented? How successful were you? What worked well and what didn't work so well?

Note: We are especially interested in presentations which focus on the collaboration of direct care staff and consumers. How were you able to bring these two integral groups of people together to create a partnership focused on creating supportive environments that prevent the use of restraint and seclusion?

Proposals will be accepted for:

Conference Presentations – Present your agency's initiative to a breakout session of 25 to 50 attendees or to the full conference audience. Didactic presentations from relevant content experts are also encouraged as are panel discussions.

Hands-on Lobby/Poster Presentation - Create a visual presentation of your organization's initiatives to be displayed at a table in the conference hall lobby or on the walls of the main conference room.

Presentation Rules:

Content – The Partnership would like to hear about your organization's implementation of a prevention initiative especially those that involve a focus on changing the culture of your program and organization. Describe the process as completely as possible including initial decision, staff trainings, implementation strategies, data collection and lessons learned. We would also like to hear about the experiences of organizations in implementing the Six Core Strategies*. Feel free to focus on only one or two of the Strategies if they were particularly effective for your organization. We are especially interested in presentations that provide an opportunity for the audience to interact with presenters and other audience members.

Presentation Limits – Presentations should be between 45 and 60 minutes in length. Please provide an outline/summary of no more than 3 pages in length describing your presentation. The outline should describe the content to be covered as well as any data or other visual aids to be featured. For panel discussions please describe the topic(s) for discussion, panel members, facilitator(s), and process for audience participation.

Submission – The deadline for submission of proposals is August 1, 2018. Please send your proposal(s) to:

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*<https://www.nasmhpd.org/content/six-core-strategies-reduce-seclusion-and-restraint-use>