NatCon23 Call for Presentations

Submission Deadline: September 23, 2022
Acceptance Notification: December 15, 2022

Share Your Knowledge About Mental Wellbeing

National Council for Mental Wellbeing invites you to submit a presentation proposal for NatCon23 – **May 1-3, 2023, at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, California**. Each year, we provide an outstanding mix of quality education to showcase new ideas and innovative solutions. Conference attendees will include senior leaders of mental health and substance use treatment organizations, health system executives, human resources professionals, county and regional authorities, state treatment organization association representatives and individuals who identify as having lived experience. Educate your peers and contribute to the field of mental wellbeing by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration.

How to Submit

To submit an abstract, go to the [NatCon23 Submission Site](#) and complete the online form. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time prior to the submission deadline. **All proposals must be submitted online.**

Please note that all speakers selected to present at NatCon23 will be required to register for the Conference. Speakers receive a discounted registration rate of $450 for a full Conference registration.

Schedule

August 8, 2022	Call for Presentation Submission site opens
September 23, 2022	Submission deadline for proposals at 11:59 p.m. PT (2:59 a.m. ET).
December 15, 2022	Acceptance/Rejection notifications sent out to all who submitted
May 1-3, 2023	NatCon23

All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PT (2:59 a.m. ET). Friday, September 23, 2022.

Session Formats

Proposals are being accepted for the following formats: workshop presentations, Mental Health First Aid Summit presentations, poster presentations, TED-style talks and Ignite presentations, iPoster presentations and the NatCon23 Shark Tank. (You will be asked to specify your desired session format during the submittal process.)

- **Workshop Presentations:** Workshop presentations last one hour, including Q&A. They are interactive and have a scope beyond individual programs. Workshops focus on emerging trends, creative concepts and new solutions that benefit the field and shape the future. Workshop

presentations may have one presenter, multiple presenters or can be formulated as a panel. No more than three panelists and one moderator are permitted.

- **Mental Health First Aid Summit Presentations:** Structured like workshops, presentations during the Mental Health First Aid Summit are intended for an audience of Mental Health First Aid Instructors. They can focus on cultural awareness, funding your initiative, inspiring with stories from peers and public figures or helping reach new audiences in your community.
- **TED-style Talk and Ignite Sessions:** TED-style Talks are short, powerful talks on riveting topics lasting just 18 minutes or less. Ignite sessions are exactly five minutes with 20 auto-advancing, highly visual slides, allowing presenters to share their passions in riveting, moving and memorable ways. Think beyond both your work and beyond our field to creative stories that will excite and inspire audiences. Outside the box is what we are looking for.
- **Poster Presentations:** Posters presentations are interactive electronic poster displays of innovative practices and award-winning programs that can include the latest in research and data. These electronic posters are available to be viewed by attendees on screens throughout the Conference. Up to two authors are scheduled at a designated time to present their information and answer questions about their poster for 30 minutes on Monday or Tuesday.

For ideas on the caliber of presentations and the topic areas of most interest to our attendees, please review the 2022 online Conference program.

Submission Categories

The National Council may build session tracks for the conference using the following topics. During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which category best describes your presentation.

Submission categories include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Board Governance
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Children, Adolescents and Young Adults
- Clinical Practices
- Communications, Marketing and Branding
- Criminal Justice
- Crisis Response
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
- Financing
- Harm Reduction
- Health Equity

- Human Resources
- Integrated Care
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Leadership and Organizational Excellence
- LGBTQ+
- Mental Health First Aid
- Older Adults
- Policy Initiatives
- Practice Improvements
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Public Health, Social Determinants and Population Health

- Recovery Supports and Peer Workers
- Research Based Innovations
- Rural Service Delivery
- Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

- Suicide Prevention
- Technology-based Solutions
- Trauma-informed Care
- Veterans
- Workforce Development and Talent Management

Selection Criteria

NatCon23 seeks educational sessions that highlight concepts that are **practical, replicable and relevant** for attendees.

The process is very selective. If a proposal warrants a general session or thought leader session, instead of a workshop, the National Council will make that determination and inform the submitter.

The National Council will use the following criteria to select presentations:

- **Originality:** NatCon includes only unique and exciting content that reflects our dynamic community.
- **Relevance and Replicability:** Presentations must be of great interest to attendees, clearly benefit attendees' professional needs and are replicable in other treatment organizations.
- **Presentation Design:** Presentations must incorporate good practices for adult education, with clear learning objectives that are measurable and achievable.
- **Outcomes:** All presentations must demonstrate strong outcomes.
- **Ability to Inspire Action:** Content experts who present at NatCon inspire attendees to return to their organizations and implement what they learn.
- **Overall Quality:** NatCon learning opportunities meet the highest standards of excellence.

All proposals must be complete, comprehensive, and deemed relevant and timely to the conference's audience. **The National Council may shorten a presentation, increase and/or reduce the number of presenters, select alternate presenters from among those proposed and/or combine the submitted presentation with other proposed presentations, at its sole discretion.** All presenters will be contacted independently to confirm their submittal.

To support our organizational commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we are committed to creating Conference programming that reflects the diversity of our membership organizations and the communities they serve. Please consider including a diverse set of speakers when submitting panels as part of your proposal.

Notifications

Once you have submitted your proposal, you can expect:

1. **Acknowledgement**: Upon receipt of your submission, you will receive an email acknowledgement.
2. **Notification**: You will be notified about the status of your presentation by December 15, 2022.
3. **Follow-up**: If selected to present, the National Council will contact you to discuss each presentation in detail, bringing together both presenters and moderators and will help presenters determine AV needs and manage presentation materials.
   a. **Presenters:** All accepted presenters will get information on how to access the Speaker Resource Center (SRC). Presenters will receive a discounted registration rate of $450 for a full registration or may register for their presentation only at no cost. All speakers are required to register for the Conference and are required to log into the SRC to confirm participation in the conference, provide a presentation description, three measurable learning objectives, references and a few additional items by the given due dates.
   b. **iPoster Presenters:** All accepted iPoster presenters will receive a $100 discount on Conference registration (all poster presenters are required to register for the Conference) and information on how to log into the NatCon iPoster system to build the digital poster. All presenters will be assigned a 30-minute presentation time during the conference to engage in an informal presentation and Q&A session with attendees.

      Reminder: All presentations must be educational in nature and may not be used to market products or services.

Note: The submitting author must provide a valid e-mail address as the National Council will rely exclusively on e-mail communications related to abstract submission, disposition, and presentation. It is the responsibility of the submitting author to contact National Council in the event of failure to receive e-mail communication and to relay all correspondence about the abstract(s) to all co-author(s). Please check your bulk/junk mail folders to ensure e-mails from The National Council are not being filtered out of your inbox.

Questions

For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Presentations proposals, please email MichaelH@TheNationalCouncil.org. For technical support with online submissions, call 410-638-9239 or email Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com. Customer service is available Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET.