



BRIDGING THE DIVIDE
SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION SUMMIT

Theme: Overcoming Suicide

2025 Call for Presentations

Posting Date: December 1, 2024

Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit

Conference: Wednesday April 17, AM to Thursday April 17, PM

Venue: The Antlers, A Wyndham Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, January 13, 2025 at 5:00pm

Presenters will be notified by Friday, February 7, 2025

Instructions:

1. Read through this entire document carefully.
2. [Submit all required materials by Google Form](#)

Dear Suicide Prevention Community:

The Bridging the Divide Summit Planning Committee is seeking proposals for presentations for the 2025 Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit. The conference theme is *Overcoming Suicide*. Breakout and keynote sessions will focus on promising trauma informed practices that address social environments and 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.

Proposals are needed for:

- **Conference Breakout Sessions:** Instructional and interactive sessions, typically supported by a PowerPoint, or other handouts, with time for questions and discussion. Sessions will be 60 minutes long, including Q&A.
- **Experiential sessions/ Workshops:** Involve participants experiencing learning through doing or observation. Sessions will be 60 minutes long.
- **TED-style talk:** Involves a 15 minute unique idea/story/concept/perspective based talk to illustrate key points or take aways.
- **Panel Discussion:** Three to five subject matter expert panelists discussing a prevention/intervention/postvention related theme, or similar topic related to suicidality.

The focus of presentations should fall into one of the tracks below. At the 2025 Summit, we will explore the challenges, complexities, growth, and hope in suicide prevention, intervention and lived experience.

- **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. Collaborative approaches in various countries/cultures, demographic groups and more are encouraged.
- **Research and Innovation:** This track addresses promising and innovative research developments or collaborative programs in the field of suicide prevention and mental wellness. Possible topics or programs include but are not limited to effective treatments/therapies, socioeconomic initiatives, risk factor analysis, community initiatives, empirical studies, successful approaches in various countries/cultures, program evaluation data, and more. Prevention, intervention, crisis and loss support programs are welcome.
- **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 our colleagues are overcoming barriers and showing creativity to help prevent suicide. Presenters will be asked to register and pay for conference attendance at a discounted price. We are seeking submissions for a one-hour breakout session on April 16 or April 17, 2025. 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 Friday January 13, 2025.**

Sincerely, The Bridging the Divide Planning Committee

For Reference Only

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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)
 - a. ***Note: Session organizers will be responsible for inviting the panel participants and making sure they register and pay the appropriate conference fee.**
3. Session or Panel Presenters (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Title, 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. Lived Experience	Beginner
b. Research and Innovation	Intermediate
c. Clinician/Peer Support	Advanced
6. 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 in #8
7. Presentation Outline: the general direction of your presentation and summaries of your key points.
8. Educational Objectives: List 3-5 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. If the presentation was previously given: when, where and how many attendees.
10. 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?