



**Call for Presentations: Deadline for submissions is Dec 20, 2019**

**SOS Innovations in Recovery Conference**  
*Exploring innovations within peer-based recovery and the  
Intersections of Trauma, Toxic Stress, and Harm Reduction*

You are invited to submit workshop proposals to be presented at the

**SOS Innovations in Recovery Conference**

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

at the Ashworth By the Sea Hotel, in Hampton Beach, NH.

We welcome proposals from professionals, peers, advocates, policymakers and volunteers in the field of peer-based recovery, trauma and adverse childhood experiences, community resilience efforts, and harm reduction services. In effort to advance the bridge between peer-based recovery, trauma, toxic stress, and harm reduction we encourage proposals that identify programs and services that integrate these areas through innovating with evidence-based, effective, programs, services, and systems.

[SOS Recovery Community Organization is presenting New England's premier peer-recovery conference. The conference will include six nationally recognized keynotes that will present on innovations in peer-based recovery supports and on the intersections of trauma, toxic stress and harm reduction. This conference will include up to a dozen 90- minute breakouts over 2 days surrounding the theme of the conference.

[This conference will attract leaders and advocates within the prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction communities across New England as well as health care providers, clinical staffs, licensed professionals, mental health professionals, agency staff, social service providers, educators, and local, state and federal policy makers and legislators. The conference will also attract individuals and family members impacted by substance use disorder, people who use drugs, and allies of the recovery and harm reduction community.

[The goal of the conference will be to present local and regional innovations, exploring the impact of trauma, toxic stress and to work toward reducing stigma and integrating efforts between the prevention, treatment, recovery, mental health and harm reduction communities. We continue to needlessly lose tens of thousands of lives to preventable overdose deaths each year in this country and this conference will provide a space for advocacy, pushing the boundaries of effective responses, challenge the status-quo. Most importantly, the goal will be one of networking and working together for a compassionate approach to innovation and evidence-based solutions as communities.



The theme for this year's conference is:

## **Exploring innovations within peer-based recovery and the intersections of Trauma, Toxic Stress, and Harm Reduction**

**\*Workshop presentations must be relevant to the conference goal, theme and objectives.\***

### Conference Objectives:

- Provide information that increase familiarity with concepts of the theme of the conference and promote programs, systems and services that will enhance awareness of them;
- Provide educational opportunities that will address the advantages of trauma informed care and community- based resilience and addressing trauma as it relates to problematic alcohol and drug use as well as overall public health.
- Provide educational opportunities that help participants understand how peer-based recovery and harm reduction are impacted negatively by stigma and how we can reduce barriers to wellness through addressing and preventing stigma.
- Provide educational opportunities that encourage the peer-based recovery community to better understand harm reduction strategies in an effort to integrate and enhance collaboration between peer-based recovery supports with harm reduction programs and services.
- Support the provision of evidence- based practices; and
- Provide opportunities for community leaders, policy makers, peer recovery workers, people who use drugs, and the community to interact with program and service providers, so that these interactions enhance advocacy efforts and to inform policy needs and help reduce barriers to accessing programs and services.

### Audience:

- Conference attendees are drawn from various backgrounds, professions, organizations and agencies including, but not limited to:
- Recovery community organization leaders, staff, volunteers and members.
- Harm- reduction service leaders, staff, volunteers and participants.
- policy makers and legislators at local, state and federal level
- agency administrators, board of directors
- integrated delivery networks
- licensed providers and staff of substance use disorder treatment programs and services.
- Behavioral health and mental health leaders, clinicians, providers, staff and agencies
- Public health network staff, prevention specialists and continuum of care coordinators
- Primary health care; hospital administrators; medical professionals
- Social service leaders, agencies, staff and advocates.



- Private business leaders and managers who are engaged in recovery friendly workplace initiatives.
- Individuals in recovery, people who use drugs and family members and loved ones of those impacted by alcohol and drug use.

### **Presentation Format**

The workshop sessions are 90 minutes in length. The session will have a range of 25 to 75 participants.

The conference goal, theme, and objectives described above lend themselves to presentations that focus on, but are not limited to, the following themes or topics:

- Innovative Peer-based Recovery support services and programs.
- Advocacy and efforts that encourage reduction in stigma and barriers to recovery and harm reduction services.
- Exploration of trauma, toxic stress and resilience
- Harm reduction programs and services.
- Evidence based practices
- Priority populations
- Peer-recovery and harm reduction efforts within criminal justice and corrections systems.
- Criminal Justice reform.
- Cross-systems alignment and integration as it relates to the conference theme.
- Cultural considerations
- Policy initiatives, needs and barriers

### **Review Criteria**

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee and selected based on relevance to the conference theme and objectives, timeliness of the topic, and creativity of approach. Workshop description and objectives should be clear and well defined. The selection committee reserves the option to request additional information in support of the workshop proposal.



## Submission Guidelines

- Deadline for submission is **December 20, 2019**
- Proposals should be submitted to:  
SOS Recovery Community Organization  
Attn Innovations in Recovery Conference Committee  
One Lafayette Rd. Bldg One  
Hampton, NH 03842  
**\*Email delivery is preferred:** [info@sosrco.org](mailto:info@sosrco.org)  
603-516-2776
- Proposals must be complete and will only be reviewed when **all requested information** has been submitted (see workshop proposal application form)
- **In lieu of presenter fees/honoraria, full conference registration fees will be waived for all presenters (Maximum 2 registrations waived per presentation)**
- Presenters are responsible for their own lodging and transportation to/from the conference
- Audio-visual equipment will be provided, within reason, and handouts will be made available online if submitted by Feb 27, 2020.
- Selections will be made by **January 15th** with notification to follow shortly after
- All committee decisions are final



## Workshop Proposal Application Form 2020 SOS Innovations in Recovery Conference

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*Presentations must relate to the conference goal, theme, and objectives.*

**Instructional Methodology:**

- Audio/Visual       Lecture       Case Presentation  
 Discussion Groups       Other (please describe):

**Audio/visual equipment:**

**SOS can only provide as follows:**

- Overhead Projector     Easel     LCD Projector     Markers     Screen  
 Other (please describe):

**Workshop Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Workshop Objectives:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Proposal Narrative** (include description of relevance to one or more conference objectives):

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**Bibliography** (title, author and publishing date, for 1 to 3 resources cited in the presentation):

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**Presenter Information Form**  
2020 SOS Innovations in Recovery Conference

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**Lead Presenter:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest Education Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Bio (2-4 sentences describing presenter's expertise/experience to teach this topic)  
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**Co-Presenter** (if more than one co-presenter, please provide information on separate sheet):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Highest Education Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Bio (2-4 sentences describing presenter's expertise/experience to teach this topic)  
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**Contact person if different from Lead Presenter:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST ATTACH RESUMES FOR EACH PRESENTER**



## Call for Presentations – Submission Check List

### 2020 SOS Innovations in Recovery Conference Presentations

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#### Have you?

- Completed all fields on the **Workshop Proposal Application Form**?
- Completed all fields on the **Presenter Information form**?
- Attached resumes for each presenter?

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#### **For more information contact:**

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