CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Elder Abuse Ontario (EAO) is pleased to announce a CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for our 2015 Provincial Conference, being held at The International Plaza Hotel (Toronto), November 2nd – 4th, 2015.

The Theme for 2015 is “Aging Well: Different Perspectives”.

This event offers Provincial, National and International-based individuals, researchers, academics and service providers from a broad spectrum of sectors and disciplines, the opportunity to showcase innovations, project development, research findings, strategies and best practices, in the context of Aging Well and Mitigating Elder Abuse.

With an audience of over 350 attending professionals, front-line workers, administrators, decision-makers, Board members, volunteers and multi-sectoral representatives all working with or interacting closely with older adults, this is a unique opportunity to network and learn from colleagues and specialists within their fields.

Whether for a general session address, a plenary/panel session, symposium, interactive workshop or poster presentation format, EAO welcomes submissions to cover such Topics as:

- Partnering for Change – Innovative Partnerships and Collaborations
- Creating Healthy Living Environments
- Putting the ‘Citizen’ Back into Senior Citizens
- Complexities of Elder Abuse in Diverse Communities
- Innovative Housing
- Safe Communities – Safe Cities
- Coping with Fatigue and Caregiver Burnout
- Aboriginal and First Nations Elder Care
- Justice Response Models to Elder Abuse
- Engaging Social Media to Promote Prevention & Build Public Awareness
- Responsive Behaviour Models in Different Living Environments
Key Dates and Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically, no later than end of business day March 27th, 2015.

Please send Abstracts as MS Word documents, in a pdf. format to: admin@elderabuseontario.com, and include 2015 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION in the subject line.

Notice of Acceptance to be sent to successful applicants, by March 31st, 2015. In the event of more than one author/presenter, only the applicant submitting on behalf of the team will be contacted.

Successful applicants are asked to confirm their Acceptance to present, speak or participate in the appropriate capacity, by April 3rd, 2015.

All presenters must be Registered and are responsible for Conference, hotel accommodation and travel fees.

Format Options for Presenting:

Workshops - provide an interactive forum for showcasing an innovative program, policy initiative or research finding, or to demonstrate a specific technique or skill in a specialized area of program delivery or service provision.
   (60 Minutes in length (45 min for the presentation and a 15 min Q & A segment))

Papers – provide an overview of an innovative program or research finding.
   (30 Minutes in length (including a 10 min Q & A or discussion segment)

Symposium – provides an opportunity for a group of individuals to present a collection of papers around a common theme.
   (60 - 90 Minutes in length with each participant making an individual presentation, followed by facilitated discussion to delve further into the subject matter)

Posters - are visual presentations showcasing innovative programs or research findings, designed to foster optimum interaction and networking opportunities with conference delegates. Presenters are required to be present during their designated poster session.

Notes: Projection/ AV equipment will be available on-site, however laptops and printing of presentation materials/handouts, including posters, are the responsibility of the individual(s). Poster mounting boards will be supplied for convenient displaying of presentations in the designated areas.
Instructions for Submitting:

Applicants are asked to prepare:

- A detailed Abstract (300 word maximum) which summarizes the presentation/research, the purpose/goals, methodologies, results/findings, intended learning outcomes for audience, conclusions, acknowledgements (including grants/funding support) as well as the relevance of the work in areas of community development, education and training, public awareness and regional perspectives.

- Criteria for Evaluation include:
  - Overall quality of the Abstract
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Learning objectives and relevance to Conference theme clearly articulated
  - Originality and innovation of subject matter
  - Quality of writing
  - Description of methodology
  - Presentation of findings/lessons learned/practical applications
  - Implication or impacts of the work
  - Summary and conclusions
  - Completeness of the form - that all questions are answered/information provided
  - Statement of how presenter(s) will engage the audience and facilitate interaction

- Abstracts submitted (in 12 pt Times New Roman font) must include:
  - Title
  - Details about the Author(s)/Presenter(s) – name(s), title(s), organizational affiliation(s), organizational website link/logo’s (if applicable), professional designation(s) and brief biographies. Please provide this in the format you wish to have it appear in promotional materials, brochures and programs.
  - Contact information of Applicant: Name, e-mail address, phone number.
  - A condensed Description of 50 – 75 words, for all Conference promotional materials and program brochures
  - Full Abstract (300 words) for evaluation based on criteria noted above
  - Preferred length and language of delivery and type of presentation (paper, workshop, symposium, poster)
  - The descriptions in the language of presentation (please note, simultaneous translations will not be provided)
  - Any audio-visual requirements
  - Presenters are asked to submit advanced copies of the PPT or other resources being used (handouts/tools/guides). Materials will be archived/posted under Conference Proceedings, on EAO's newly redesigned website, immediately following the event.

Have Any Questions?
For more information regarding the Abstracts submission process, please contact EAO Head Office by Tel: 416-916-6728 or e-mail: admin@elderabuseontario.com or marta.hajek@elderabuseontario.com.