

2018 Conference on Ending Homelessness

Informational Session Proposal Webinar

Welcome To The Webinar

- Thank you for joining today's webinar!
- All participants will be muted during the webinar to ensure good sound quality.
- Please type your questions into the question box located in the webinar control panel on the right side of your screen.
- A recording of this webinar will be posted at www.wliha.org/conference
- Please feel free to contact Kate Baber with additional questions after the webinar at conference@wliha.org or 206-442-9455 x200

Webinar Overview

- Conference on Ending Homelessness background information
- Conference session background information
- How to submit a session proposal
- Conference session selection criteria
- Questions and answers

2018 Conference Background Information

- May 22 – 23, 2018
- Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, WA
- Session proposals are due on November 9, 2017
- Conference session proposal submission form is available at www.wliha.org/conference
- Updates will be posted at www.wliha.org/conference
- Contact Kate Baber for assistance at conference@wliha.org or 206-442-9455 x200

Conference Planning Timeline

- **September 2017** – Call for conference session proposals opens
- **November 9, 2017** – Deadline to submit a session proposal
- **November 2017** – Program committee reviews proposals
- **December 2017** – Program committee selects proposals
- **January 2018** – Program committee develops missing sessions
- **January 15, 2018** – Confirmations sent to people who submitted proposals
- **February 2018** – conference website is built and sessions are certified for continuing education credit with the National Association of Social Workers
- **March 2018** – Conference registration and scholarships open
- **May 22 – 23, 2018** - Conference on Ending Homelessness

Who Attends the Conference?

- Between 600 – 800 people
- People from every region of Washington and neighboring states
- People from urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities
- A wide range of homelessness stakeholders, including:
 - People with direct experience of homelessness and housing instability
 - Community members and advocates
 - Social service providers, clinicians, and case managers
 - City, county, and state government staff
 - Elected officials
 - Non-profit board members and staff

What's A Conference Session?

- A conference session is a presentation, training, or discussion that takes place during the Conference on Ending Homelessness
- Each session will be 75 or 90 minutes long
- Each session can have up to four speakers total
- Each session will have audio-visual equipment, including a projector, computer, sound system, and microphones
- Each session will be supported by an AV tech and Housing Alliance staff
- Each session will be attended by approximately 50 - 150 people
- There will be a total of 30 sessions at the 2018 conference

What Session Topics Are Featured At The Conference?

- Direct Service Trainings
 - The conference is one of the largest continuing education training opportunities for social workers in the state
 - Examples of session topics include:
 - Behavioral, mental, physical health
 - Case management
 - Trauma informed care
 - Harm reduction
 - Self care
 - Landlord outreach and engagement
 - Fair housing and tenant rights
 - Direct service skills related to effectively serving specific populations, such as survivors of domestic violence, veterans, youth, communities of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA communities, and more

Session Topics Continued

- Movement Building Trainings
 - These sessions address the structural, or root causes of homelessness, grow the skills of advocates, and build Washington's movements to end homelessness.
 - Examples of session topics include:
 - Sessions that grow participants' understanding of how racism and other forms of oppression intersect with homelessness
 - Advocacy and public policy
 - Community organizing and resident advocacy
 - Communication and messaging
 - Criminalization of homelessness
 - Local campaigns, including housing levies and tenant rights ordinances
 - Tenant rights
 - Leadership development

Session Topics Continued

- Housing Strategies
 - These are sessions that cover different housing models and best practices that help people experiencing homelessness access affordable housing.
 - Examples of session topics include:
 - Housing First
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Rapid Re-Housing
 - Emergency shelter rules and best practices
 - Coordinated entry
 - Role of Housing Authorities in ending homelessness

Session Topics Continued

- Population Specific Sessions
 - These are sessions that address the housing and service needs of specific populations.
 - Examples of session topics include:
 - Aging issues
 - Communities of color
 - Survivors of domestic violence
 - Immigrant communities
 - People with disabilities
 - LGBTQIA communities
 - Previously incarcerated people
 - Rural communities
 - Youth and young adults
 - Families
 - Veterans

Session Topics Continued

- Organizational Development
 - Topics to help non-profits build their capacity to operate effectively and meet the needs of community members.
 - Examples of session topics include:
 - Board development
 - Fundraising
 - Leadership development
 - Volunteer management

Who Should Submit a Session Proposal?

- We welcome session proposals from anyone who has an idea about how to reduce and end homelessness in Washington, including community members, advocates, service providers, people with direct experience with homelessness and housing instability, government staff, and more.
- We are looking for speakers who have personal or professional experience with their session topic.
- We are looking for speakers who can teach others new skills, information, perspectives, ideas, models, or approaches.
- We are looking for sessions that include speakers who are representative and inclusive of communities across Washington, including a diverse mix of presenters based geography, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, class background, and experience with homelessness and housing instability.

How To Submit A Session Proposal

1. Go to the conference website at www.wliha.org/conference
2. Click on the link titled “Submit a Session Proposal Here”
3. You will be directed to a website called Formsite. Formsite is the platform we are using to submit session proposals this year.
4. Formsite will ask you to create an account and then will direct you to the conference session proposal submission form.
5. You can save your form and return to it before submitting it.
6. Be sure to submit your proposal by the deadline on November 9
7. Need assistance? Housing Alliance staff can help you complete and submit the form. Email Kate at conference@wliha.org or call 206-442-9455 x200 for assistance.

Session Proposal Form Questions

- Session title
- Session description
- 3 learning objectives
- How will this session address anti-racism and other anti-oppression issues, such as sexism, classism, LGBTQIA rights, disability rights, etc.?
- Topics to be addressed by your session (select topics from a multi-choice menu)
- Your time (75 or 90 minutes) and date (May 22 or 23) preference
- Your room set up preference
- Do you need travel assistance in order to participate?
- Do you need any accommodations to make the conference accessible to you?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share with the conference program committee?

Speaker Information

- Required Information
 - Name
 - Credentials (for continuing education certification)
 - Contact information
 - Biography (for online program and continuing education certification)
- Optional Information
 - The Housing Alliance is working to include diverse perspectives and experiences at our conference. Speakers have the option to share the following information with the program committee.
 - Race and ethnicity
 - Gender
 - Sexual orientation
 - Ability
 - Class background and/or experience with homelessness and housing insecurity

Session Selection Criteria

The conference program committee will work to develop a well-balanced and diverse program that meets the learning needs of our statewide audience. Presentations featuring new and creative ideas, evidence based practices, anti-racism, anti-oppression, and audience engagement will be prioritized. Reviewers will evaluate proposals and prioritize those that:

- Are fully complete by the submission deadline;
- Are relevant for a statewide audience;
- Include presenters who have experience related to the session topic;
- Offer opportunities for participants to develop new skills;
- Share insights on how to replicate a successful model;
- Present service delivery and housing models that are recognized as evidence-based best practices;
- Address anti-racism and anti-oppression;
- Include diverse mix of presenters based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, ability, class background, and geographic area (rural, urban, suburban);
- Avoid the promotion or selling of products, organizations, or companies;
- Take into consideration all of the above criteria and submit the proposal form by the 11:59 PM deadline on Wednesday, November 9, 2017.

Speaker Financial Assistance

- All speakers will receive a complimentary conference registration on the day of their presentation
- All speakers are eligible for a reduced, special speaker rate on the days they are not speaking
- Conference tuition and travel assistance is available to speakers who are living on low incomes or work for organizations with limited travel budgets
- Conference scholarships are available and will open in March 2018 at www.wliha.org/conference

Need Assistance? We Can Help!

- Contact Kate Baber at conference@wliha.org or 206-442-9455 x200 for assistance
- Link to conference session proposal form is available at www.wliha.org/conference
- Check out the 2017 conference program for ideas at <http://wliha.org/conference/full-program>
- Thank you for your interest in participating in the Conference on Ending Homelessness!