

NatCon20 Call for Presentations

Submission Deadline: October 4, 2019

Acceptance Notification: December 2, 2019

Share Your Knowledge About Mental Health and Addiction Treatment and Services

The National Council for Behavioral Health invites you to submit a presentation proposal for NatCon20, scheduled for April 5-7, 2020 in Austin, TX. Next year’s annual conference will provide an outstanding mix of quality education to showcase new ideas and evidence-based practices. Conference attendees will include senior leaders of behavioral health provider organizations, health systems, provider networks, county and regional authorities, state provider associations and people with lived experience. Educate your peers and contribute to the field of mental health and addiction treatment and services by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration!

How to Submit

To submit an abstract, go to <http://bit.ly/NatCon20CallforPresentations> and complete the online form. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time up until the submission deadline. **All proposals must be submitted online.**

Schedule

August 26, 2019	Call for Presentation Submission site opens
October 4, 2019	Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 pm PST). No extensions will be granted.
December 2, 2019	Acceptance/Rejection notifications sent out to all who submitted
April 5-7, 2020	NatCon20, Austin Convention Center, Austin, TX

All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Friday, October 4, 2019.

Session Formats

Proposals are being accepted for the following formats: workshop presentations, lunch ‘n’ learns, poster presentations, TED-style talks and Ignite presentations. (You will be asked to specify desired session format during the submittal process.)

- **Workshop Presentations-** Workshop presentations last one hour, including Q&A. They are interactive and produce identifiable outcomes. They may have one presenter, multiple presenters or can be formulated as a panel. *Proposals for workshops must include outcomes.*
- **Lunch ‘N’ Learns-** Lunch ‘n’ learn sessions are one-hour, informal presentations with one to two presenters who lead engaging discussions. Participants pick up their lunches in the Solutions Pavilion beforehand and eat during the presentation.
- **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 and/or stories in riveting, moving and memorable ways.
- **iPoster Presentations-** iPosters presentations are interactive electronic poster displays of innovative practices and award-winning programs, documents and ideas/questions. iPosters are in designated areas during the conference and presenters are available at select times to answer questions about their posters.

For ideas on the caliber of presentations and the topic areas of most interest to our attendees, please review the [2019 online conference program](#) and [past onsite conference programs](#).

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Submission Categories

The National Council will build session tracks for the conference using the topics listed below. During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which category best describes your presentation. **Note:** *You are limited to submitting a maximum of two proposals with up to 4 speakers each.*

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

- Addictions and Co-Occurring Disorders
- Bi-directional Primary and Behavioral Health Integrated Care
- Board Governance
- Cannabis
- Children and Adolescents
- Clinical Practices including Treating Mood Disorders
- Communications, Marketing and Branding
- Community-Based Organizations and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Criminal Justice
- Crisis Response and Suicide Prevention
- Federal, State and Local Policy Initiatives
- Financing including Medicaid Waivers, Value-Based Purchasing, Benefit Design Innovations, and Payer/Provider Partnerships
- Health Systems/Hospital Innovations in Behavioral Health
- Innovations at Work
- Measurement Based Care, Outcomes, and Practice Improvements
- Mental Health First Aid
- Organizational Excellence including Strategic Initiatives that Better Serve Patients and Motivate Staff, Management, and Leadership
- Partnerships, Mergers, and Acquisitions
- Prevention, Peers and Recovery
- Public Health, Social Determinants and Population Health
- Research Based Innovations in Access, Programs, and Practices
- Special Populations including Veterans, Older Adults, and LGBTQI
- Technology including EHRs, Apps, Wearables, Big Data, and AI
- Transformative Collaborations, Consultations or Design Thinking Projects
- Trauma-Informed Care and Trauma Treatment
- Under-served Communities, Diversity, and Cultural Competence

Selection Criteria

NatCon20 seeks educational sessions that highlight concrete programs, services or initiatives that are practical, replicable and relevant for the attendees.

The process to accept workshops, posters, TED-style sessions or Ignite sessions is very selective. There are limited slots available, and the final decision is at the discretion of the National Council. General sessions and thought leader sessions are determined solely by the National Council. 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 following criteria will be used by the National Council to select presentations:

- **Originality:** NatCon includes only unique and exciting content that reflects our dynamic community.
- **Relevance:** All sessions are of great interest to attendees and clearly benefit attendees' professional needs.

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- **Program Design:** All sessions incorporate good practices for adult education, with clear learning objectives that are measurable and achievable.
- **Outcomes:** All sessions 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.

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 2, 2019.
3. **Follow-up:** If selected to present, the National Council will contact presenters to discuss each workshop in detail, bringing together both presenters and moderators and will help presenters determine AV needs and manage session materials.
 - a. **Session Presenters:** All accepted session presenters will get information on how to access the Speaker Resource Center (SRC). Presenters will be required to log into the SRC to confirm participation in the conference, provide a session description, three (3) measurable learning objectives, references and a few additional items by the given due dates. A handout(s) and/or PowerPoint presentation is mandatory for each session.
 - b. **iPoster Presenters:** All accepted iPoster presenters will receive information on how to log into the NatCon iPoster system to build your digital poster. All presenters will be assigned a 30-minute session time during the conference to engage in an informal Q&A session with attendees and must be registered for the conference.

Reminder: *Poster presentations may not be used to market products or services. **Do not** use trade names in the poster. A statement must be included as to whether there are any financial disclosures. All financial disclosures must be prominently displayed on the bottom right-hand corner of the poster. If there is nothing to disclose, specify "Nothing to Disclose".*

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 The 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.*

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Conference Registration

Presenting authors must be registered for the conference on the day of their oral or poster presentation. Session presenters have the option of registering for the full conference at the discounted rate of **\$425** or can register for attendance at just their session for no charge. Poster Presenters will be given a **\$100** conference registration discount.

Hotel and Travel

Presenters are also responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements. The National Council does not provide honorarium to cover expenses for presenters. You are encouraged to book early, as conference hotels tend to fill up quickly. The conference housing link will be provided in your conference registration confirmation email.

Questions

For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Presentation Proposals, please email YadiB@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 9:00am – 6:00pm EST.