



Call for Proposals, 2019 Mental Health Forum

OMSSA is seeking proposals for keynotes, plenary sessions and workshops for its first Mental Health Forum, taking place on in early June in Toronto. We plan to design a two-day, cross-sectoral forum that highlights best practices leading to positive outcomes, and equips managers and front-line staff with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate a system in flux and assist individuals living with mental illness and addiction in ways that help unlock their potential.

OMSSA welcomes proposals in the following categories from OMSSA members, community partners, practitioners, provincial and federal government, and other human services and mental health organizations across Canada:

- Improving access to mental health services
- Emergency social services and emergency mental health supports
- Mental health services related to housing
- Addressing mental health conditions to improve employment outcomes
- Trauma-informed service
- Mental health and the workplace (working with clients, managing employees)
- Out-of-the-box relationship-building sessions

More detail is available in the form below. Please complete and submit it to education@omssa.com by April 5, 2019. We look forward to receiving your proposal.

Proposal Submission Form

Please complete the proposal form below and contact education@omssa.com with any questions or if you require further information.

TOPICS

We are looking for presentations related to some of the topics listed below:

Improving Access to Mental Health

Services

- Ontario Health – How will mental health and addictions teams work? Will they improve access?
- Integrated service models
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Models for addressing service gaps and long wait times, particularly in rural communities
- Strategies for identifying existing services and resources
- Quantifying needs
- Funding
- Navigating a system in flux
- Lived experience

Emergency Social Services and Supports

- Crisis management best practices
- Suicide ideation and attempts
- Opioid Crisis
- Situation Tables
- Lived experience

Mental Health Services and Housing

- Housing first – what works and why?
- Transitional housing and emergency shelters – what works and why?
- Working with tenants living with mental illness and addiction
- Working with homeless individuals living with mental illness and addiction
- Housing retention strategies
- Hoarding
- Legal primer (e.g. the duty to accommodate as it relates to mental health and housing)
- Role of the Public Guardian
- Lived experience

Trauma

- Trauma Informed Approach to Service
- Impact of trauma throughout the lifespan
- Prevention, assessment, interventions and therapies
- Children and Mental Health
- Parenting Support
- Human trafficking
- Indigenous populations
- Refugee and Immigrant populations
- Vicarious Trauma
- Lived experience

Mental Health / Addiction in the Workplace

- Working with clients with mental illness and addiction (signs and symptoms, positive interactions and difficult conversations, stigma, best matches for referrals)
- Overview of managing employees with mental illness and addiction (signs and symptoms, difficult conversations, stigma, legal responsibilities)
- In-depth workshops on specific illnesses (e.g. depression, anxiety, personality disorders, concurrent disorders, episodic disabilities)
- Motivational interviewing
- Vicarious trauma
- Compassion Fatigue and Burnout
- Workplace stress and wellness

Relationship-building sessions

Ideas for out-of-the-box sessions that bring stakeholders together to brainstorm or plan ways to work together to improve the system

Addressing Mental Health Conditions to Improve Employment Outcomes

- Employment for individuals with mental health issues who do not qualify for ODSP
- Successful approaches, partnerships and vocational programming
- Helping clients maintain employment
- Lived experience
- Other

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*In 1000 words or less, describe what the session is about and how it relates to at least one of the topics above. Please include **up to three key points delegates will take away** from attending your session, and describe any supplemental materials or resources that you plan to use or distribute.*

PRESENTATION STYLE AND FORMAT

STYLE (select one):	LENGTH (select one):	AUDIENCE:
Single speaker	30 minutes	Frontline
Panel presentation	90 minutes	Middle Managers
Interactive	120 minutes	Senior Managers
Other (please specify): _____		CAOs

SPEAKERS

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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