

## Call for Proposals: 2019 Employment Forum

**OMSSA is seeking practical and exciting proposals** for breakout sessions at our 2019 Employment Forum, happening on October 1-2 at the Holiday Inn International Airport Hotel in Toronto.

Proposed sessions should be relevant in tumultuous times, focus on best practices and/or teach practical skills that delegates can immediately use to inspire, support and assist high-barrier and difficult-to-place individuals.

Session can be 30 to 90 minutes in length. Thirty-minute sessions will be paired with other sessions on similar topics to create interactive panel discussions. Sessions should be interactive with ample time for dialogue, and should ideally include supplemental materials that members can continue to rely on after the forum.

### **Based on our research, attendees are particularly interested in the following topics:**

- Working with Employment Ontario and/or other agencies
- Supports for employers who hire OW clients
- Developing a framework to enable staff to navigate a new employment system
- Current/future employment trends (cannabis job market, solo-preneurship, supporting OW clients with self-employment in the gig economy, etc.)
- Writing business plans or proposals to gain funding
- Evaluating program success and identifying outcomes that matter
- Effective case management
- Placement and retention strategies
- Life stabilization and life skills support
- Employment strategies/placements for individuals who no longer qualify for ODSP
- Helping the long-term unemployed return to work
- Employment re-entry for individuals with criminal records
- Approaches to working with resistant clients
- Working with clients with mental illness and addiction
- Pre-employment supports for homeless individuals
- Creating a continuum of support, from homeless to housed
- Indigenous initiatives and employment needs
- Working with an aging population
- Working with youth (how to engage and retain their interest)
- Adverse childhood experience assessment
- Trauma-informed approach to service
- Defining ethical boundaries in an increasingly barriered client base
- Positive psychology and emotional intelligence



## 2019 Employment Forum Proposal Submission Form

Please complete the form below and submit to [education@omssa.com](mailto:education@omssa.com) by **June 17, 2019**. We look forward to receiving your proposal.

### TITLE

*Choose a simple and descriptive title:*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*This will assist the selection committee in learning about your submission. In 1000 words or less, describe what the session is about and why it is important. 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**

<b>STYLE (select one):</b>	<b>LENGTH (select one):</b>	<b>AUDIENCE (select one):</b>
Single speaker	30 minutes	Senior Manager (CEO, Director, Commissioner)
Panel presentation	90 minutes	Manager
Interactive		Front Line
Other (please specify): _____		All

**SPEAKERS**

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

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

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