

March 16 – 19, 2020 | Seattle, WA

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Housing First – What's Second? Empowerment, Health and Recovery!

Call for Presentations

DESC and Pathways Housing First invite you to join us and our many partners in presenting your ideas, experience, best practices and research at the fifth biennial Housing First Partners Conference in DESC's home city, Seattle, WA.

HFPC 2020 will provide an opportunity for individuals who are passionate about using Housing First to end homelessness to meet, exchange ideas, and debate how best to implement, operate, improve, expand, and evaluate Housing First. The theme for HFPC 2020 is "*Housing First – What's Second? Empowerment, Health and Recovery!*"

As a presenter you will gain visibility and recognition as a leader in the field and have the opportunity to discuss your work with other expert providers, researchers, policy makers, and consumers working on the many different facets of Housing First. Each proposal selected for presentation will also receive one discounted conference registration. (50% off one full conference registration; does not include Pre-Conference Institutes.)

We welcome proposals about innovations in HF practice, programs serving new populations, and in strategies for taking Housing First programs to scale. We also encourage proposals describing ways that the introduction of HF programming has served to introduce the principles and values of Housing First to new service sectors in their communities. We want to hear from communities who have struggled with implementation and want you to present the lessons learned from your experience. And finally, we invite every community that has ended Veterans' homelessness or reached functional zero for chronic homelessness to come and share the keys to their success!



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You are invited to submit proposals in the following topic areas:

- I. New Developments in Housing First**
 - Programs for youth and young adults
 - HF for DV/intimate partner violence
 - Consumer-operated HF programs
 - Cultural adaptations in HF programs
 - Defining the concept of recovery
 - Role of healthcare systems (i.e. hospitals and MCOs) in addressing housing barriers
 - Housing First as a social determinant of health
 - Addressing racial equity to prevent and end homelessness
- II. Establishing and Operating Housing First Programs**
 - Financing and developing single-site HF programs
 - Operations and property management
 - Managing the requirements of the standard lease in the context of consumer choice
 - Establishing and maintaining positive neighborhood relationships
 - Operating effective support services
 - Redefining and providing “services” that meet consumer needs
 - Sustaining a diverse HF workforce through effective leadership, staff recruitment and development
 - Building training and operating effective support teams
 - Improving services for historically oppressed/underseved populations
 - Landlord engagement, recruitment and retention for scattered-site housing models
- III. Integrated Services and Treatment Best Practices**
 - Prioritization and vulnerability assessments and their impact on HF programs
 - Coordinated Entry and its impact on local homeless services
 - Coordination with justice systems and corrections (release and diversion programs)
 - Shelter system coordination and diversion
 - Supported employment and supported education
 - Conducting effective home visits
 - Effective coordination of HF and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs
 - The impact of federal, state and municipal policies on the implementation and operation of Housing First
- IV. Housing First in the context of Medicaid and Managed Care**
 - Learning from real-time experiences of implementing Medicaid waivers
 - Providing integrated care in Medicaid or managed care environments
 - Navigating the ups and downs of federal (and state) policies and funding
 - Promoting health and reducing health inequities of vulnerable population
- V. Harm Reduction**
 - Introducing harm reduction when working with landlords, neighbors and the police
 - Customizing HR strategies in specific racial, ethnic, cultural and identity communities
 - The role of Housing First to support recovery and opioid addiction
 - Harm reduction in health, mental health, and social interactions
 - Harm reduction from a trauma informed lens
 - Moving from maintenance to recovery
- VI. Power of Consumers’ Voices**
 - Self-directed programming for HF residents
 - Team roles and role integration for people with lived experience
 - The role of peer specialists in community engagement
 - The role of peers in reducing power inequities
- VII. Research, Program Effectiveness and Program Fidelity**
 - Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies on Housing First
 - Program fidelity and its impact on program outcomes
 - Assessment instruments and program outcomes
 - Testing Housing First with new populations (DV/IPV, families, youth/young adults, etc.)
 - Program evaluation— integrating program evaluation into everyday practice

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Deadline for Submitting a Proposal

Proposals for presentation are due on **July 26, 2019**.

Notification of acceptance will be sent on **October 10, 2019**.

Submitting a Proposal

- Submit your proposal online via hfpartersconference.com/call-for-presentations. Please use the attached form to assist as a guide in preparing your online submission. You may make multiple submissions, however please use a separate form for each one.
- Proposals must include a short presentation title, a 50-word abstract and a 300-word presentation summary/description. The title and abstract are the portions of your submission that are printed in the conference program and are meant to attract attendees to your session. Please accurately describe what attendees can expect at your session. Both should be considered thoughtfully, written concisely and thoroughly proofed before submitting.
- In order to meet the criteria for continuing education credits, each proposal must also include three (3) educational goals and objectives for participants who attend the session.

If you have any questions or would like assistance in completing the proposal submittal process, please contact Paula Sasser at: paula.sasser@horizonmeetings.com

Audience

Conference attendees include: behavioral health practitioners and homeless service providers (e.g., front-line case management staff, supervisors, program managers and directors); housing providers, housing specialists and property managers; health and mental health care providers, addiction counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses; researchers; policy makers; funders; peer specialists; and people with lived experience. There will also be representatives from: the local business community; municipal, state and federal government; faith communities; and more. Participants hail from across the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. We numbered more than 800 in 2018, and we anticipate attendance to grow for 2020!

Diversity and Inclusion

When submitting a proposal, bear in mind that the conference is committed to providing voice to, and speaking to the needs of, a variety of perspectives and experiences. Please ensure your presentation proposals are sensitive to different individualized and intersectional qualities and social circumstances that may affect experiences of homelessness. We want to provide a platform for people with lived experience of homelessness and encourage proposals to make space for people with lived experience in the presentations, such as participating meaningfully in sessions as presenters.

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Session Format

- A wide variety of formats for presentations are encouraged, including panel discussions, interactive workshops, moderated debates, etc.
- The time allocated for each workshop is 50 minutes, and we are recommending that you reserve one half of that time (25 minutes) for dialogue with attendees.

Your proposal will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Clear outline of the presentation's purpose and learning objectives
- Relevance to the conference theme and suggested topic areas
- Utility of content for participants to develop new skills and/or learn about new approaches
- Extent to which your proposal addresses emerging issues and promising practices

HFPC 2020 - Agenda at a Glance (subject to change)

Monday, March 16th

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Morning Pre-Conference Institutes
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Afternoon Pre-Conference Institutes

Tuesday, March 17th

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Exhibit Area Open
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Opening Plenary lunch
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Networking Reception
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Special Event

Wednesday, March 18th

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Exhibit Area Open
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Plenary Lunch
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Networking Reception
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Special Event

Thursday, March 19th

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Exhibit Area Open
7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Morning Beverages and Pastries
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Closing Plenary Lunch

Questions?

If you have any questions about the call for presentations, please email Paula Sasser at: paula.sasser@horizonmeetings.com

Name of Lead Presenter: _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Post Code: _____ Country: _____

Title of Presentation (Keep the title short and exactly as it should be printed in the conference materials):

Topic area of program (choose one from list):

- New Developments in Housing First
- Establishing and Operating Housing First Programs
- Integrated Services and Treatment Best Practices
- Housing First in the Context of Medicaid and Managed Care
- Harm Reduction
- Power of Consumers' Voices
- Research, Program Effectiveness and Program Fidelity

Presentation is applicable to the following groups of people impacted by homelessness (choose all that apply):

- Aboriginal/Indigenous
- Chronically Homeless
- DV/Intimate Partner Violence
- Families
- History of Incarceration
- LGBTQ
- Rural Communities
- Single Adults
- Veterans
- Youth/Young Adults
- Other Target Population(s) – Describe: _____

Intended Audience:

- Introductory/New to Housing First
- Intermediate/Current Practitioners
- Advanced/Involved in Directing or Setting Policy around Housing First
- General Information – Applies to all Audience Levels

A/V equipment will be provided. Does your presentation require AV equipment? No Yes

- Please specify: Laptop LCD Projector Microphone
 Flip chart/markers AV Cart & Screen

Required Supplemental Information:

1. Please list any other conferences or meetings at which you have recently presented this topic:

2. Did you or your organization submit a proposal to any of the previous HFPC Call for Presentations? Which conference(s)? Please check all applicable years:

2012 2014 2016 2018

Was it selected for presentation? If yes, please give title(s) of previous presentations below, by year:

3. Please list, by year, all previous co-presenter(s) and their respective organizational affiliations:

ALL PROPOSAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 26, 2019.

- I understand that:**

(1) for each proposal selected, there will be one 50% discounted registration fee;
 (2) each remaining presenter will pay the full conference registration fee; and
 (3) all presenters are responsible for all travel and lodging expenses.

Submit your application online with the following:

1. Completed application form
2. Presentation title and 50-word abstract of presentation
3. 300-word outline of presentation, including learning objectives and goals for participants
4. Brief biography (no more than 50 words) for each presenter and proposed co-presenter

Questions?

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