



Call for Presentations: Deadline for submissions is Dec 31, 2022

**SOS Recovery, Inclusion, Community & Harm
Reduction (RICH) Conference 2023**
*Exploring innovations within peer-based recovery and harm
reduction with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.*

You are invited to submit workshop proposals to be presented at the

SOS RICH Conference 2023

April 4th and 5th 2023

at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH.

We welcome proposals from professionals, peers, advocates, policymakers and volunteers in the field of peer-based recovery, substance use, and harm reduction services. In effort to advance the bridge between peer-based recovery, trauma, toxic stress, and harm reduction we encourage proposals that identify programs and services that integrate these areas through innovating with evidence-based, effective, programs, services, and systems. Proposals that identify and highlight the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion welcomed and encouraged.

[SOS Recovery Community Organization is presenting the Northeast's premier peer-based harm-reduction and recovery conference. The conference will include nationally recognized keynotes that will present on innovations in peer-based harm reduction and recovery supports with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. This conference will include up to a sixteen 75 minute breakouts over 2 days surrounding the theme of the conference.

[This conference will attract leaders and advocates within the prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction communities across New England as well as health care providers, clinical staffs, licensed professionals, mental health professionals, agency staff, social service providers, educators, first-responders and local, state and federal policy makers and legislators. The conference will also attract individuals and family members impacted by substance use disorder, people who use drugs, people who identify as sex workers, and allies of the recovery and harm reduction community.

[The goal of the conference will be to present local and regional innovations, exploring the impact of peer-based recovery support services and integrating efforts between the prevention, treatment, recovery, mental health and harm reduction communities with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. We continue to needlessly lose tens of thousands of lives to preventable overdose deaths each year in this country and this conference will provide a space for advocacy, pushing the boundaries of effective responses, challenge the status-quo. Most importantly, the goal will be one of networking and working together for a compassionate approach to innovation and evidence-based solutions as communities.



The theme for this year's conference is:

Exploring innovations within peer-based recovery and harm reduction with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion

Workshop presentations must be relevant to the conference goal, theme and objectives.

Conference Objectives:

- Provide information that increase familiarity with concepts of the theme of the conference and promote programs, systems and services that will enhance awareness of them;
- Provide educational opportunities that will address the advantages of trauma informed care and community- based resilience and addressing trauma as it relates to problematic alcohol and drug use as well as overall public health.
- Provide educational opportunities that help participants understand how peer-based recovery and harm reduction are impacted negatively by stigma and how we can reduce barriers to wellness through addressing and preventing stigma.
- Provide educational opportunities that encourage the peer-based recovery community to better understand harm reduction strategies, in an effort to integrate and enhance collaboration between peer-based recovery supports with harm reduction programs and services with a focus on diversion, equity and inclusion. We encourage proposals that focus on diversity, equity and inclusion and breakouts that educate our community on the harms sex workers face due to criminalization are also encouraged.
- Support the provision of evidence- based practices; and
- Provide opportunities for community leaders, policy makers, peer recovery workers, people who use drugs, people who engage in sex work and the community to interact with program and service providers, so that these interactions enhance advocacy efforts and to inform policy needs and help reduce barriers to accessing programs and services.

Audience:

- Conference attendees are drawn from various backgrounds, professions, organizations and agencies including, but not limited to:
- Recovery community organization leaders, staff, volunteers and members.
- Harm- reduction service leaders, staff, volunteers and participants including those who engage in sex work and lead agencies that advocate on behalf of.
- Policy makers and legislators at local, state and federal level
- Agency administrators, board of directors
- Licensed providers and staff of substance use disorder treatment programs and services.
- Behavioral health and mental health leaders, clinicians, providers, staff and agencies
- Public health network staff, prevention specialists and continuum of care coordinators
- Primary health care; hospital administrators; medical professionals



- Social service leaders, agencies, staff and advocates.
- Private business leaders and managers who are engaged in recovery friendly workplace initiatives.
- Individuals in recovery, people who use drugs and family members and loved ones of those impacted by alcohol and drug use.

Presentation Format

The workshop sessions are 75 minutes in length. The session will have a range of 40 to 75 participants.

The conference goal, theme, and objectives described above lend themselves to presentations that focus on, but are not limited to, the following themes or topics:

- Innovative Peer-based Recovery support services and harm-reduction programs and services.
- Advocacy and efforts that encourage reduction in stigma and barriers to recovery and harm reduction services.
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, justice and cultural considerations
- Impact of colonialism in harm reduction, recovery, and innovative efforts around abolitionism.
- Exploration of trauma, toxic stress and resilience
- Programs that rely on lived experience in recovery and people who use drugs.
- Programs that reduce harms or advocate for those engaged in sex work
- Evidence based practices
- Priority populations and focuses on permanent housing (e.g. Housing First models) or that reduce housing discrimination for people who use drugs and people in recovery.
- Peer-recovery and harm reduction efforts within criminal justice and corrections systems.
- Criminal Justice reform
- Cross-systems alignment and integration as it relates to the conference theme.
- Policy initiatives, needs and barriers

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of people with lived experience and selected based on relevance to the conference theme and objectives, timeliness of the topic, and creativity of approach. Workshop description and objectives should be clear and well defined. The selection committee reserves the option to request additional information in support of the workshop proposal.



Submission Guidelines

- Deadline for submission is **December 31, 2022**
- Proposals should be submitted to:
SOS Recovery Community Organization
Attn RICH Conference Committee
14 Signal St.
Rochester, NH 03867
***Email delivery is preferred:** info@sosrco.org
- Proposals must be complete and will only be reviewed when **all requested information** has been submitted (see workshop proposal application form)
- **In lieu of presenter fees/honoraria, full conference registration fees for the day of presentation (only) will be waived for all presenters (Maximum 2 registrations waived for one day of conference per presentation). We have a limited number of double occupancy hotel rooms for presenters at reduced rates and/or at no charge for those traveling from more than 50 miles. You must request with your application and we cannot guarantee rooms but will attempt to accommodate.**
- Presenters are responsible for their own lodging and transportation to/from the conference (limited presenter lodging scholarships available)
- Audio-visual equipment will be provided, within reason. Please notify us if you need handouts and submit them prior to March 1st, 2023
- Selections will be made by **January 15th** with notification to follow shortly after
- All committee decisions are final



Bibliography (Must include 5 citations to evidence based material in presentation)

(title, author and publishing date, for 5 resources cited in the presentation):

Presenter Information Form
2023 RICH Conference

Lead Presenter:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Highest Education Degree: _____ Year completed: _____

Brief Bio (2-4 sentences describing presenter's expertise/experience to teach this topic)

Co-Presenter (if more than one co-presenter, please provide information on separate sheet):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Highest Education Degree: _____ Year completed: _____

Brief Bio (2-4 sentences describing presenter's expertise/experience to teach this topic)



Contact person if different from Lead Presenter:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

All presenters MUST submit a brief bio and Resume or CV



Call for Presentations – Submission Check List

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Have you?

- Completed all fields on the **Workshop Proposal Application Form**?
- Completed all fields on the **Presenter Information form**?
- Attached resumes and bios for each presenter?

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