



2018 INDIANA
Public Health
CONFERENCE

SAVING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES:
Reducing Harm, Stigma, Overdoses, and Death

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Call for Abstracts

The 2018 Indiana Public Health Conference Planning Committee invites the submission of **abstracts for oral and poster presentations** for the 2018 Public Health Conference, *Saving Lives and Communities: Reducing Harm, Stigma, Overdoses, and Death*.

We are seeking proposals from a diverse group of professionals that focus on harm reduction as it relates to overdose and opioid addiction. Highlighted topics include, but are not limited to:

- Delivery and access to harm reduction interventions
- Specific harm reduction strategies including:
 - overdose prevention/Naloxone
 - syringe service programs
 - safe consumption sites
 - housing first/recovery housing
 - law enforcement diversion programs
 - medication assisted treatment (MAT), including treating pregnant woman and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
 - prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and other diseases
 - gender responsive strategies
- Recognizing and reducing health, social, and systemic inequalities
- Engaging people who use drugs in planning and service delivery
- Peer recovery support
- Legal and policy work
- Reducing drug-related stigma
- Innovative community responses that include harm reduction
- Supporting children and families affected by the opioid epidemic
- Data and surveillance

Though not the primary focus of the conference, harm reduction strategies targeting other diseases, risk factors, and/or populations such as tobacco, sex workers, and alcohol are invited to submit proposals too.

Presentation Format Options

Poster: presented in the form of a bulletin display and using content, charts, graphs, illustrations, and/or photographs. The presenter will have the chance to interact on a one-to one basis with conference participants for one day.

Concurrent Sessions (Lecture/Discussion): may include a lecture, demonstration, and/or panel participant discussion about topics relevant to harm reduction.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Proposals are due July 6, 2018

Disclosure Forms

Please [**CLICK HERE**](#) to fill out a disclosure form. All abstract submissions **MUST** include a signed disclosure form for each presenter.

Review of Submissions

Abstracts are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Appropriate fit to the conference theme
- Relevant research and practice themes
- Timeliness of the subject matter
- Contribution to the advancement of the field
- Clearly stated learning objectives

Additional Information

Presenters are responsible for registration, travel, and hotel costs. Additional instructions will be included in the acceptance notification.

Who Plans the Public Health Conference?

This conference is being planned by the IUPUI Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, IU School of Public Health - Bloomington, Purdue University -Public Health Graduate Program, University of Indianapolis, Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Madison County Health Department, Indiana State Department of Health, Marion County Health Department, Indiana Rural Health Association, Indiana Public Health Association, Overdose Lifeline, IU School of Medicine, Indiana Association of School Nurses, and other partners.

Sponsors

This conference is sponsored by the Indiana University Responding to the Addictions Crisis Grand Challenge Initiative.

Questions

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