



Call for Abstracts

The Crisis Workers Society of Ontario is pleased to announce its 2017 Conference to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario on June 14, 15 & 16, 2017. Attended by over 300 delegates, our conference continues to grow and deliver important and dynamic information, as well as offer an excellent networking opportunity to all participants.

This year's conference theme "*Crisis; we are all at risk*" will be focused on Wellness and Resiliency in both the people we serve and those who do the serving. The conference aims to underscore initiatives that advance the field of crisis work and increase the ability to partner effectively at the local level with other individuals and organizations.

We welcome and encourage all CWSO members as well as speakers in the academic community, public health, consultants and others providing services in the addictions and mental health sector to share innovative and practical ideas and programs, research or other relevant content.

Your workshop should convey evidence informed practices, experience or "perspectives" on providing high quality, effective, integrated, culturally competent, person-directed services and supports for individuals with mental illnesses and their families. The emphasis at the conference will be on innovative solutions around wellness, in particular we are looking for presentations that bring focus to the impact of the work and healing strategies for clinicians. We are also seeking to find presentations that advance the field of crisis work.

This event will be of interest to first responders, crisis workers, community organizations and consumer groups. Presentations will focus on innovative strategies and initiatives. Participants will explore new perspectives on mental health, share strategies for surviving and thriving in a changing environment and learn how to translate knowledge into practice.

Sub-Themes

The following sub-themes are broad and inclusive and may assist with guidance for your submission:

- Trauma treatment for both the population we serve and the care givers who provide service
- Innovative self-care strategies for crisis workers and first responders
- Management of risk
- Cultural considerations/Refugee Mental Health and Recovery strategies
- Survival, Resiliency and in particular helping each other Thrive
- Child and Youth Crisis Innovations
- Crisis related topics

Read all information and instructions before you commence the abstract submission process.

With a limited number of sessions, not all submissions can be accepted. Your Abstract is used to determine the potential of a presentation. Be clear and concise, and ensure relevance to the conference theme/sub-theme and CWSO audience.

Please prepare all information included below. Abstracts that do not contain the information below will not be considered:

Abstract type (group/individual)
Sub-theme (select one)
Title (maximum 10 words)
Abstract (maximum 100 words)
Learning objectives (up to 6 brief dot points, max 100 words in total)
Timing of your presentation, including Q&A
For each speaker: Name, contact details, position title, organisation, Brief biography (maximum 150 words)
Number of presenters:

GROUP submissions have a maximum of 4 speakers. Speaker #1 is the contact for the group and is expected to forward information and communicate with the group's co-presenters. This does not mean they have to speak first.

Abstract Review:

Submissions must be received by **March 1, 2017**

The outcome of the abstract review process will be communicated by **March 17, 2017**

Speakers are requested to confirm within 2 weeks of this notification, and register by **March 24, 2017**.

Each session is 90 minutes. It is an expectation that all presenters will attend the entire session duration, as a courtesy to the session Chair and other presenters.

The CWSO Review Committee allocates the people who will chair the session.