



2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium: A Pathway Forward *Presentation Proposal Guidelines*

About the Event & Our Attendees

The Symposium will take place on November 13 and 14, 2024, at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre.

Attendees include: Government officials (Local, Regional, First Nations, Provincial and Federal), policy makers, mental health professionals, healthcare providers, social workers, case managers, researchers, academics, educators, students, community groups, law enforcement, parole officers, attorneys, not-for-profit organizations, and individuals with lived experiences.

This landmark Symposium will unite representatives from multiple agencies and governments to engage in comprehensive discussions and collaborative efforts. Recognizing the need to address the mental health and addictions crisis impacting communities throughout Central and Northern BC, the event aims to provide a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and the leveraging of collective resources. The primary objective is to accelerate the advancement of collaborative actions and solutions.

Attendees will benefit from opportunities for information-sharing and coordination, fostering partnerships, and advancing joint advocacy and policy development. These efforts are designed to improve services and outcomes for those affected by mental health and addictions and their related intersections.

2024 Mental Health Symposium General Topics of Interest

- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Mental Health Awareness for Children and Youth
- Community and Individual Support and Services
- Addictions and Trades
- Culturally Relevant and Safe Services
- Stigma Reduction
- Advocacy and Policy Change

Proposals will be evaluated with consideration of the following:

- If the topic will be especially relevant to the Symposium participants and/or applicable to their work
- If the topic will be applicable to a range of levels of experience and authority
- How the material will be presented; the preference is for presentations that engage participants and include opportunities for questions and answers and engagement
- Experience and background of the presenter(s), including connection of the presenter(s) to the topic

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PROPOSALS

1) Primary Contact Information

The Primary Contact does not have to be a presenter. However, this contact information will be used for all correspondence/communication related to this proposal.

- First & Last Name

- Employer/Affiliation
- Position/Title
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Mailing Address.

2) Presentation Format

- 60-Minute Presentation: Expected to be an in-depth presentation on the topic, with minimum 20 minutes allotted for Q&A

3) Presentation Title

- The name of the presentation.

4) Relevance to Symposium Topics Of Interest

- Prevention and Early Intervention
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5) Presentation Details

- **Full Presentation Description** (2000 characters limit, approximately 400 words): This can be posted in the form or a PDF file can be uploaded
- **Brief Description** (75 words maximum): This will be used for conference publications (e.g., website)
- **Background:** Briefly discuss or justify the importance of the topic
- **Learning Objectives:** State the objectives of the presentation. Identify what participants should have learned after participating in the session. Please phrase the objectives for this presentation so that they complete the sentence "Attendees of this session will..."
- **Outline:** Describe what you will present. Consider providing an outline and/or details of the content of the session. This is likely to be the longest part of the presentation description
- **Presentation Format:** Please explain your presentation format and include details about any preparatory work expected of the participants (if applicable): Describe how the content will be presented, e.g., through lecture, discussion, breakout discussions, case studies, etc.
- **Audio Visual Needs:** Describe any required audio/visual or other material that would be required
- **Presenter Experience:** Describe the connection of the presenter(s) to this topic and comfort level with presenting the material

6) Presenter(s) Details

The following information will also be requested for the presenter(s):

- First & Last Name
- Employer/Affiliation
- Position/Title
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Mailing Address

- **Presenter Experience:** Describe the connection of the presenter(s) to this topic and comfort level with presenting the material.

7) Presenter Biography

- Please provide a brief biography (no more than 100 words) written in the third person to be used in conference publications and read by the room host at the start of the session. Please include your current position and title in the biography.

8) Headshot - Photo