



**BRIDGING THE DIVIDE**  
SUICIDAL AWARENESS & PREVENTION SUMMIT

*Pathways to Resiliency, Strength & Recovery*

**2016 Call for Presentations**

## Call for Presentations

Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit

Pre-Conference: Thursday A.M., May 5, 2016

Conference: Thursday P.M., May 5 and Friday May 6, 2016

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. MST**

Notification Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Dear Suicide Prevention Community:

The Bridging the Divide Summit Planning Committee is seeking proposals for presentations for the 2016 Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit. The conference theme is *Pathways to Resiliency, Strength & Recovery*. With our annual tradition of aligning the work in Colorado with current national and international trends, the 2016 Summit will showcase what works in the areas of resiliency, recovery and research. Breakout and keynote sessions will focus on promising evidence-based practices that decrease the likelihood of suicide, assist those who struggle with suicidal thinking, and help survivors of suicide loss regain their equilibrium following a loved one's suicide attempt or death by suicide.

Proposals are needed for one-hour breakout sessions as well as 3-hour preconference workshops.

The focus of presentations should fall into one of the tracks below. At the 2016 Summit, we will explore how the personal tragedy of suicide can be prevented through practices that strengthen resiliency, promote recovery, and guide the development of effective research.

- **Resiliency:** This track will address the concept of resiliency and how it relates to suicide prevention, mental wellness and coping with loss. Presentations may address questions such as the following: What is resiliency? How does it impact suicidal thinking and behavior? How can it be demonstrated, measured or taught? What characteristics contribute to resiliency? What are its cultural contexts, and how do we reach high risk populations?
- **Recovery:** This track addresses the ways in which people achieve, demonstrate and maintain recovery from risks, trauma, loss, mental illness, and suicidal thinking or acts. Presentations may address questions such as the following: How can recovery be defined or measured? What types of collaborations or practices enhance the likelihood of achieving recovery after a suicide attempt or loss of a loved one? What is the role of the individual in attaining recovery? What services and supports most effectively promote recovery?
- **Research:** This track addresses promising research developments in the field of suicide prevention and mental wellness. Possible topics include but are not limited to effective treatments/therapies, risk factor analysis, empirical studies, successful approaches in various countries/cultures, program evaluation data, and more.

We are eager to showcase ways in which our colleagues are using research to inform the development of best practices, and working to promote resiliency and recovery for at-risk individuals, including those bereaved by suicide. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise so that everyone may benefit from your experience. As in past years, presenters will be asked to register and pay for conference attendance. We are seeking submissions for either a half-day preconference training session on Thursday, May 5 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, or a one-hour breakout session on May 5 or 6. Thank you for helping to forge new partnerships and connect those in need of help and life-saving programs with initiatives and services. All submissions are due by 5:00 PM MST on February 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

Conference Planning Committee

## **Instructions:**

1. Read through this entire document carefully.
2. Follow the guidelines below to complete your submission.
3. Submit all required materials by email to [btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org](mailto:btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org)

## **Presentation submissions must include:**

1. Presentation Title: Title as printed in program will be limited to 50 characters, including spaces
2. Session Presenters (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Degree, Affiliation)
3. I am...(check as many as apply)
  - Bereaved by suicide
  - A suicide attempt survivor
  - Someone who lives with suicidal intensity (thoughts and feelings)
  - Someone who supports (non-professional – peer, friend or family) someone who has been affected by suicide loss or suicidal behavior
  - A mental health professional
  - A researcher
  - A suicide prevention advocate
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Presentation Type: (One-hour breakout or 3-hour preconference workshop).
4. If the presentation was previously given: when, where and how many attendees.
5. If you presented at a Bridging the Divide Summit in the past, how long ago, what was the title/content of the presentation, and how was it different from the current proposal?
6. Educational Objectives: List 2-3 objectives using the format: “At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant should be able to: (define, discuss, distinguish, formulate, evaluate, identify, list, summarize, demonstrate, etc.)”
7. Abstract (up to 300 words) that clearly describes the session. Submissions must include:
  - a. How your presentation will address the conference theme.
  - b. How your presentation fits within one of the tracks. **Presenters must choose one track and indicate if submission is for breakout session or preconference workshop. Panel organizers must be able to identify the intended track in the program.**
  - c. Your results, outcomes, or findings of your work.
  - d. How your work relates to what is already known on the topic.
  - e. How you will engage your audience.
  - f. How you will meet the educational objectives stated above (#4).

**Submissions must be typewritten, using 12-point font, without bold, italics, underline, bullets, or additional characters.**

## **Panel session submissions must include:**

1. Panel title: Title as printed in program will be limited to 50 characters, including spaces
2. Panel organizers (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Degree, Affiliation)
3. Presentation Type: (One-hour breakout or 3-hour preconference training).
4. Panel participants (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Degree, Affiliation)\*
5. Educational Objectives: List 2-3 objectives using the following format: “At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant should be able to: (define, discuss, distinguish, formulate, evaluate, identify, list, summarize, demonstrate, etc.)”
6. Abstract (up to 300 words) that clearly describes the panel session. Submissions must include:
  - a. How your panel will address the conference theme.
  - b. How your panel fits within one of the tracks. **Panel organizers must be able to identify the intended track in the program.**
  - c. The results, outcomes, or findings of the panelists’ work.
  - d. How your panelists’ work relates to what is already known on the topic.
  - e. How you will engage your audience.
  - f. How you will meet the educational objectives stated above (#4).

**Submissions must be typewritten, using 12-point font, without bold, italics, underline, bullets, or additional characters.**

**\*Note: Session organizers will be responsible for inviting the panel participants and making sure they register and pay the appropriate conference fee.**

**DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS is 5:00 PM MST on February 1, 2016. You will be notified by February 16, 2016 whether your proposal has been accepted.**

**You MUST send an electronic copy of the abstract and a signed Letter of Agreement to [btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org](mailto:btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org). Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.**

**Presenter Letter of Agreement**

1. I agree to present the content as outlined in proposal to Bridging the Divide.
2. I agree to comply with all program-related deadlines provided to me, including but not limited to: deadline for handouts, electronic version of presentation, AV., etc.
3. During my presentation, I will not engage in any type of promotional marketing or selling of any product or service.
4. If my presentation is accepted, I agree to notify conference program chair in the event that I am not able to present due to an emergency.
5. To the best of my knowledge, my presentation does not violate any proprietary or personal, copyright, trademark, privacy or any other rights, and is factually accurate.
6. I authorize Bridging the Divide to use my name, likeness, photography, and biographical data in connection with the use and promotion of the program.
7. I provide consent to record my presentation, in audio and/or visual form. I understand that Bridging the Divide will be the sole copyright owner of the recording, and can distribute it along with any supporting materials.
8. I authorize Bridging the Divide to electronically distribute presentation materials (PowerPoint presentation, presentation handouts, etc.) via the conference website.
9. I will be responsible for all travel arrangements, and expenses that I incur. I understand that I will not receive royalties, honoraria, reimbursement of expenses, or other compensation in connection with the program or rights granted above.
10. I understand that in order to present at the conference, I must be a paid registered attendee.

By signing this Presenter Letter of Agreement, and based on mutual consideration, I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

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Presenter Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

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**Contact Information: Please print, and complete in full.**

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