

Call for Presentations

The Florida Supportive Housing Coalition and the Florida Coalition for the Homeless is proud to announce the 3rd Annual 2009 Joint Statewide Supportive Housing and Homeless Conference – ***Changing Times: Creative Vision for Housing and Services.***

We are seeking the best speakers who are willing to share their experience and skills with supportive housing and homeless service providers, advocates, housing providers, local and state government officials, and people with special needs and their families:

1. Sessions last for an hour and a half (1.5 hrs).
2. Session materials will need to be provided electronically to produce a CD of all conference presentations.

Suggested Session Topics

These are the tracks and suggested topics of interest of our members; therefore it should serve as a base source of ideas to focus your area of expertise. However, if you have any innovative ideas or topics not mentioned, please feel free to share those topics or ideas with us.

Best Practices: Housing

- Use of Federal Stimulus Funds for Housing
- Addressing the Foreclosure Crisis
- Rapid Re-housing
- Short-Term, Flexible, and Shallow Rental Subsidies: What are communities doing?
- Housing the Homeless Elderly
- New Solutions to Developing Affordable Housing
- Rural Housing Development

Best Practices: Services

- Data Reporting
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Use of Federal Stimulus Funds for Services
- Getting Better Outcomes for Continuum of Care
- Cost-Benefit Analysis Research
- Preventing Veteran Homelessness - PTSD and SA comprehensive models attached to Housing
- Employment and Income Strategies
- Research on Family Homelessness
- Addressing Mental Health/Substance Abuse Disorders
- Partnering with Community-Based and Faith Based Organizations
- Service Intensive Intervention
- Preventing and Ending Family Homelessness in Rural Communities

Legal/Advocacy

- Florida Speakers' Bureau
- Overcoming Housing Barriers
- Building Political Power through Effective Advocacy
- Working with Landlords
- Panel Discussion of Local Change Agents

Youth Homelessness (This track will focus on youth aging out of foster care and children experiencing homelessness.

- Addressing Issues of College Age Homeless Individuals
- Domestic Violence and Education of Children
- Runaway youth
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues of Runaway youth.
- Intersection of Child Welfare and Homelessness

Date and location

The conference will be held October 26th-27th at the **Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort**, 400 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach, FL. 33767 **Phone 1(800)-753-3954**

Speaker Package

The package covers registration for attendance for the speaker on the day that they are presenting. If the presenter would like to stay any additional conference days the price will be 50% less that the cost the member rate of the conference. Also any additional speakers will be subject to pay 50% less the cost of the member rate of the conference (\$175).

Submitting your proposal

Proposals must include:

- Draft title
- Contact information for primary and co-presenters
- Abstract that provides enough specifics of the proposed presentations to show its premise, content, reference value, and intended audience

If a panel format is proposed, it should include proposed co-panelist, with full names and titles and contact information.

Session Selection Process

The conference content committee will review all valid proposals submitted by potential speakers. The selection of presenters will be based upon the reputation of the presenter(s), information contained in the submittal, the session's value to conference attendees and consumers and the promotion of local experts. Submitters will be contacted individually about their session, accepted or not. The decision of the content committee is final.

Submission deadline

We will be accepting proposals through June 30, 2009. Please submit proposal to Florida Supportive Housing Coalition, 2868-1 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308 (P) 850-878-7403 (F) 850-878-6584, admin@flshc.net