



Justice Initiatives' NC Justice Summit Call for Proposals

Justice Initiatives, Inc. is accepting proposals for 60-minute workshops for our first NC Justice Summit on February 22, 2019. We encourage submissions in the field of judicial policy and/or research, juvenile justice, youth development, health and wellness, and areas reflecting the conference theme ***Raise the Age: A Call to Action for Children, Communities, and Courts in North Carolina***. The call for proposals is open now through October 1, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Workshops

Workshops will be offered in a morning 60-minute concurrent block and an afternoon 60-minute concurrent block. Workshops offer an opportunity for hands-on work on a question, topic or method and for sharing multiple perspectives. They can include a brief introduction by the presenters, but the main goals of the sessions are to relay pertinent information and actively engage participants with the content. The workshops should appeal to a wide audience of individuals who are practitioners, public servants, administrators, students, etc.

Workshop proposals should be in the form of an abstract (maximum 100 words), as well as a detailed workshop proposal (500 words maximum plus references). Presenters/workshop leaders should address the theme of ***Raise the Age: A Call to Action for Children, Communities, and Courts in North Carolina*** in relation to one or more of the following content areas:

- Juvenile Justice Reform
- Restorative Family Engagement Practice
- Building Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
- Youth Development Resources
- Government Institutions
- Education
- Community Resources

The proposal should include a brief rationale for the submission, theoretical frameworks used, empirical methods used, if relevant, results and significance. Finally, the proposal must include intended outcomes for the session, and a short description of any planned activities. We are striving for a rich blend of learning opportunities, and we encourage creativity and adaptation. We will select proposals that will ensure a mix of learning styles and preferences, so ***please be sure to address the following in the proposal, also:***

A) Please help us classify your proposal by identifying on the proposal which category it most appropriately falls into from the following:

1. Research or Evaluation
2. Education or Training/Skill Building
3. Practice Models
4. Policy & Legislation
5. Other (Please Specify): _____

B) Finally, we believe people learn best when they engage in the material being presented and are prioritizing workshops that integrate meaningful, relational approaches, and opportunities for first person grappling and dialogue. Please tell us how your workshop will do this by providing answers to the following:

1. How will you elicit the knowledge of participants in the room?
2. What knowledge, skill, or new perspectives will attendees gain from your proposal?
3. Learning Objectives: Describe what learners will have done with each piece of content named. (“By the end of this session, participants will have....”)
4. What will change as a result of participation in this workshop? Explain the vision for change. If participants apply the knowledge, skill, or new perspectives what is the desired impact for them and their communities?
5. How will the content of your proposal creatively link to the overarching conference themes?

C) Please specify any special requirements and/or necessary A/V equipment

D) How many presenters will there be for the session?

Proposal Submission Details

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the attention of the NC Justice Summit Review Committee by emailing an attachment inclusive about the above elements to summit@justiceinitiatives.org no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on October 1, 2018. ***Please include the subject line on your email submission: NC Justice Summit Session Proposal.***

Proposal Evaluation

We want to maximize the depth and connection of the sessions to the conference audience to include values evidence- and research-based practices. Not all sessions have to report data from empirical studies, but at least their conceptual contributions should be clear and compelling and show how the session adds to existing knowledge and understanding. On the delivery side, we value sessions where presenters leverage their presentation to challenge the audience and find ways to engage participants, and motivate action, even in a short time frame.

With those values in mind, proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Does the proposal address issues related to the conference theme/sub-themes?
- Does the proposal build on existing scholarship in the field?
- Does the proposal identify theories and/or conceptual frameworks used?
- Does the proposal provide information or ideas that would be of interest to a diverse audience?
- Does the proposal include a plan for audience engagement and/or encourage action?
- Does the proposal highlight existing or needed resources, programs, and services related to the conference theme/sub-themes?

Notifications will be distributed for proposals by November 30th and conference registration fees are included for up to two (2) presenters with accepted proposals.

Questions

Please submit questions by emailing summit@justiceinitiatives.org.