

# CMHA National Conference 2013 Call for Abstracts



## Changing Perspectives...

Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health & Addictions

Institutes: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Conference: October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Delta Ottawa City Centre | 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa, ON



The Canadian Mental Health Association 2013 National Conference Program Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at the National Conference **“Changing Perspectives: Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health and Addictions”** on October 16-18th, 2013 at the Delta Ottawa City Centre in Ottawa, Ontario.

There is a growing awareness of the issues related to mental illness in this country, and a growing understanding of the costs in human suffering that occurs when serious mental illness is left untreated. While 1 in 5 Canadians will experience a mental illness in their lifetime, we know that ultimately what determines our mental health status will be a range of conditions such as our income level, where we live, where we work, and our early childhood development.

We also know that individuals with severe mental illness experience inequitable negative health outcomes, to an astounding degree, and as a result, die up to twenty-five years earlier than the general population. There is a growing commitment to ‘do’ something about these issues and a new and expanding body of knowledge and evidence about what can or should be done. Some would say we are experiencing a revolution in our approaches to helping individuals with mental illness and addressing the root causes for the overall health disparities experienced by this population.

# Changing Perspectives...

## Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health & Addictions

The 2013 conference committee is seeking abstracts from individuals, programs, agencies, people with lived experience, family members, service providers, researchers and interested community members from across Canada who can contribute their knowledge, shared expertise and innovative thinking!

In addition to workshop sessions and posters presentations, we also invite applications to host a 'table talk' session. These are smaller information sharing and discussion sessions held at tables during the breakfast times of the conference days. While the conference streams provide the broad overall categories, we encourage applicants to incorporate themes such as health promotion/prevention, youth & older adults, and research and evaluation into their proposed presentations. We are interested to learn about how you may have addressed health disparities through collaborative approaches and systems integration.

### Conference Streams:

- Leadership / Governance (Management, budgets, legal requirements)
- Human Resources (Training, selection, & supervision)
- Primary Health Care (causes of early mortality and physical illness)
- Housing (Addressing homelessness, creating affordable housing options)
- Employment and Education (Intentional peer support)
- Addressing Poverty (Food security, advocacy, income security)
- Concurrent Disorders (including tobacco)
- Individuals with Multiple Systems Contact (Dual Diagnosis, Borderline Personality Disorder, Acquired Brain Injury, individuals in conflict with the law)
- Addressing Social Exclusion (culturally appropriate, non-discriminatory & GLBTTQ positive services)

### Presentation Format:

- Presentation - 90 minutes
- Presentation - 30 minutes (may combine speakers on similar topics in 1 session)
- Poster Presentation
- Table Talk Session- 20 minute presentation

# Changing Perspectives...

Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health & Addictions

## Instructions for Abstract Submission

### Acceptance As Presenter:

Please note: Presenters must be paid registrants. Honoraria and travel reimbursement are not available.

An electronic version of the presentation must be submitted to the event coordinator shortly before the conference. Presenters will be provided with a designated time to present by the conference committee.

### Abstract Submission Details

To submit abstract: [www.innovative4you.com/cmha2013.htm](http://www.innovative4you.com/cmha2013.htm)

### Timelines

**Call for abstract opens: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Results Notification: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission!

For questions regarding the abstract submission process, please contact

**Sherry Sim, Event Manager**

**Innovative Business Solutions**

**Telephone: 1.866.655.8548**

**Fax: 705.456.9786**

**Email: [sherry@innovative4you.com](mailto:sherry@innovative4you.com)**