



Call for Presentations (Due October 9, 2015)

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Adult Mental Health (<http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/>) is pleased to distribute this **Call for Presentations** in preparation for the **2016 Unspoken Wounds Conference**.

The *2016 Unspoken Wounds Conference* is scheduled for **March 13-15, 2016** in Savannah, Georgia. Due to the growing number of veterans returning to Georgia with PTSD and other trauma-related issues, including those who have become involved in the criminal justice system, *“Winning the War Within”* was chosen as the theme for this year’s conference. Our goal is to bring together dynamic speakers and subject matter experts in the area of veteran and military family services to educate Georgia’s workforce in the many evidence-based practices and innovative strategies for meeting the behavioral health, criminal justice, and reintegration needs of Georgia’s veterans, service members, and their families.

In the first *Unspoken Wounds Conference* (2013), hundreds from the public and private sectors participated, including the fields of behavioral health, disability services, criminal justice, child welfare, education, law enforcement, public health, mental health advocacy agencies. The Georgia National Guard, Veterans Administration, Veterans Services, Veteran Service Organizations, faith-based and other military serving entities, and most importantly Georgia Veterans and their families were all well represented. Our main objectives are to expand service capacity, improve outcomes, exchange information, share best practices, as well as highlight effective strategies and cross-cutting techniques throughout the state.

The 2016 *Unspoken Wounds Conference* Planning Committee is seeking proposals for workshops. Those submitting proposals are encouraged to consider how their presentation will contribute to one of the Conference tracks as listed below.

Conference Tracks

All presentations should be related to or include information about working with Veterans/service members and/or their family members

- Behavioral Health Treatment Strategies/Trauma Informed Care
- Cultural Competence
- Law Enforcement/Community Supervision Strategies
- Veterans Treatment Court Services/Legal Issues
- Veteran Peer Support/Family Issues

Notables

Workshops will be **60-90 minutes** in length and some may be requested to be repeated throughout the day. Pre-Conference Institutes will provide **6 instructional hours** of concentrated topic training.

Those interested in submitting a proposal should complete the attached Call for Presentations Proposal Form. **Submissions must be emailed by Friday, October 9, 2015 to Jill Mays at jill.mays@dbhdd.ga.gov.** The 2016 *Unspoken Wounds Conference* Planning Committee plan to make **selections by October 23, 2015.**

All those who submit a proposal will be notified by e-mail regarding acceptance or refusal of their proposal. For questions or concerns, please contact **Jill Mays** at jill.mays@dbhdd.ga.gov or at **404-657-2140.**

The 2016 *Unspoken Wounds Conference* Planning Committee thanks you for your time and consideration.

Warmest regards,

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2016 Unspoken Wounds: Winning the War Within

March 13 – 15, 2016

Call for Presentations Proposal Form

Submissions must be emailed to Jill Mays at jill.mays@dbhdd.ga.gov by **Friday, October 9, 2015**

Name(s) of Presenter(s) and e-mail addresses:

Lead Contact for Presentation (this person will be contacted for all correspondence regarding Presentation):

Email Address:

Phone:

Organization:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Which "Conference Track" most closely aligns with your presentation?

- ☐ Behavioral Health Treatment Strategies/Trauma Informed Care
- ☐ Cultural Competence (Veteran/military population focus)
- ☐ Law Enforcement/Community Supervision Strategies
- ☐ Veterans Treatment Court Services/Legal Issues
- ☐ Veteran Peer Support/Military Family Issues

Which timeframe best fits your presentation?

- ☐ 60 minute workshop
- ☐ 90 minute workshop
- ☐ 6 hour Pre-Conference Institute

Please include the following (may be sent as attachments):

- **Presentation Title and Brief Description:** describe how the topic will be focused and the approach/teaching methods; the description will be used in the conference information (up to 100 words)
- **The three primary learning objectives** (stated in terms of how the participant will be different after this presentation)
- **Brief biography for each presenter** that includes credentials and/or personal experience (up to 80 words)

- List any unique presentation needs, i.e., room set-up, audio-visual, etc.

Please complete this form and email along with attachments by **Friday, October 9, 2015 to:**

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