

## NatCon21 Call for Presentations

**Submission Deadline:** December 18, 2020

**Acceptance Notification:** February 4, 2021

### Share Your Knowledge About Mental Health and Addiction Treatment and Services

The National Council for Behavioral Health invites you to submit a presentation proposal for NatCon21, scheduled for May 3-5, 2021. Next year's annual conference will provide an outstanding mix of quality education to showcase new ideas and evidence-based practices. Conference attendees will include senior leaders of behavioral health provider organizations, health systems, provider networks, county and regional authorities, state provider associations and people with lived experience. Educate your peers and contribute to the field of mental health and addiction treatment and services by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration!

### How to Submit

To submit an abstract, go to the [Scorecard Homepage](#) and complete the online form. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time prior to the submission deadline. **All proposals must be submitted online.**

### Schedule

November 16, 2020	Call for Presentation Submission site opens
December 18, 2020	Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 pm PT). No extensions will be granted.
February 4, 2021	Acceptance/Rejection notifications sent out to all who submitted
May 3-5, 2021	NatCon21

**All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PT Friday, December 18, 2020.**

### Session Formats

Proposals are being accepted for the following formats: workshop presentations, poster presentations, TED-style talks and Ignite presentations. (You will be asked to specify desired session format during the submittal process.)

- **Workshop Presentations:** Workshop presentations last one hour, including Q&A. They are interactive and produce identifiable outcomes. *Proposals for workshops must include outcomes.* Workshop Presentations may have one presenter, multiple presenters or can be formulated as a panel.
- **TED-style Talk and Ignite Sessions-** TED-style Talks are short, powerful talks on riveting topics lasting just 18 minutes or less. Ignite sessions are exactly five minutes with 20 auto-advancing, highly-visual slides, allowing presenters to share their passions and/or stories in riveting, moving and memorable ways. Think beyond your work and the field to topics that will excite and inspire audiences. Outside the box is what we are looking for.
- **iPoster Presentations-** iPosters presentations are interactive electronic poster displays of innovative practices and award-winning programs, documents and ideas/questions. iPosters are available throughout the conference and presenters are available at select times to answer questions about their posters.

**Please note that due to on-going concerns related to COVID-19, the National Council may require that some presentations at NatCon21 be delivered virtually. This will be at National Council's sole discretion.**

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For ideas on the caliber of presentations and the topic areas of most interest to our attendees, please review the [2019 online conference program](#).

### Submission Categories

The National Council may build session tracks for the conference using the topics listed below. During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which category best describes your presentation. **Note:** *You are limited to submitting a maximum of two proposals.*

#### **Submission categories include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Addictions and Co-Occurring Disorders
- Board Governance
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Children and Adolescents
- Clinical Practices
- Communications, Marketing and Branding
- Criminal Justice
- Crisis Response and Suicide Prevention
- Cultural Competence, Diversity and Under-served Communities
- Federal, State and Local Policy Initiatives
- Financing
- Innovations at Work
- Integrated Care
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- LGBTQ+
- Measurement Based Care, Outcomes, and Practice Improvements
- Mental Health First Aid
- Older Adults
- Organizational Excellence
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Prevention, Peers and Recovery
- Public Health, Social Determinants and Population Health
- Research Based Innovations
- Technology Solutions
- Transformative Collaborations, Consultations or Design Thinking Projects
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Veterans

### Selection Criteria

NatCon21 seeks educational sessions that highlight concrete programs, services or initiatives that are practical, replicable and relevant for the attendees.

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The process to accept workshops, posters, TED-style sessions or Ignite sessions is very selective. There are limited slots available, and the final decision is at the discretion of the National Council. General sessions and thought leader sessions are determined solely by the National Council. If a proposal warrants a general session or thought leader session, instead of a workshop, the National Council will make that determination and inform the submitter.

The following criteria will be used by the National Council to select presentations:

- **Originality:** NatCon includes only unique and exciting content that reflects our dynamic community.
- **Relevance:** All sessions are of great interest to attendees and clearly benefit attendees' professional needs.
- **Program Design:** All sessions incorporate good practices for adult education, with clear learning objectives that are measurable and achievable.
- **Outcomes:** All sessions must demonstrate strong outcomes.
- **Ability to Inspire Action:** Content experts who present at NatCon inspire attendees to return to their organizations and implement what they learn.
- **Overall Quality:** NatCon learning opportunities meet the highest standards of excellence.

All proposals must be complete, comprehensive, and deemed relevant and timely to the conference's audience. The National Council may shorten a presentation, increase and/or reduce the number of presenters, select alternate presenters from among those proposed, and/or combine the submitted presentation with other proposed presentations, at its sole discretion. All presenters will be contacted independently to confirm their submittal.

### Notifications

Once you have submitted your proposal, you can expect:

1. **Acknowledgement:** Upon receipt of your submission, you will receive an email acknowledgement.
2. **Notification:** You will be notified about the status of your presentation by February 4, 2021.
3. **Follow-up:** If selected to present, the National Council will contact presenters to discuss each workshop in detail, bringing together both presenters and moderators and will help presenters determine AV needs and manage session materials.
  - a. **Session Presenters:** All accepted session presenters will get information on how to access the Speaker Resource Center (SRC). Presenters will be required to log into the SRC to confirm participation in the conference, provide a session description, three (3) measurable learning objectives, references and a few additional items by the given due dates. A handout(s) and/or PowerPoint presentation is mandatory for each session.
  - b. **iPoster Presenters:** All accepted iPoster presenters will receive information on how to log into the NatCon iPoster system to build your digital poster. All presenters will be assigned a 30-minute session time during the conference to engage in an informal Q&A session with attendees.

**Reminder:** Poster presentations may not be used to market products or services. **Do not** use trade names in the poster. A statement **must** be included as to whether there are any financial disclosures. All

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*financial disclosures must be prominently displayed on the bottom right-hand corner of the poster. If there is nothing to disclose, specify “Nothing to Disclose”.*

**Note:** *The submitting author must provide a valid e-mail address, as the National Council will rely exclusively on e-mail communications related to abstract submission, disposition, and presentation. It is the responsibility of the submitting author to contact The National Council in the event of failure to receive e-mail communication and to relay all correspondence about the abstract(s) to all co-author(s). Please check your bulk/junk mail folders to ensure e-mails from The National Council are not being filtered out of your inbox.*

### Questions

For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Presentation Proposals, please email [KellyS@TheNationalCouncil.org](mailto:KellyS@TheNationalCouncil.org). For technical support with online submissions, call 410.638.9239 or email [Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com](mailto:Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com). Customer service is available Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm ET.