Mental Health Topic Area

Wellness for the 21st Century

Alienation and marginalization for millions of people is part of our collective past but need not be a part of our present and future. What are we doing now to change direction?

We are seeking proposals in the following areas:

- International, national and local mental health initiatives, which are innovative, replicable, inclusive and promote healthy communities?
- Conceptions and models of wellness as it relates to mental health;
- Community health initiatives, which are responsive and culturally appropriate for victims of natural and humanitarian disasters and emergencies;
- Collaborative community support mental health models which involve a cross-sector of stakeholders;
- Person-centered wellness and mental health initiatives;
- Holistic models of wellness and mental health, which incorporate mind, body and spirit.
- Best practices for reducing individual and community trauma and meeting the mental health needs of homeless youth or youth in detention facilities;
- How social settings (in schools, workplaces, communities, etc.) can be enhanced to better include and support people with mental health challenges;
- Holistic models which incorporate social justice, community and individual mental health well being;
- Critiques of the language used in the dominant discourse on emotional well being and health;
- How the stigma and social marginalization often experienced by persons with mental health challenges can be reduced;
- International rights based approaches towards ending mental health inequities;
- How the experiences of, and responses to, serious mental health challenges vary across cultures.

We are particularly interested in receiving presentation proposals from self-advocates concerning their experiences and recommendations and from international participants providing cross-cultural perspectives.

We welcome all proposals. Please see presentation formats on our webpage at: http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/presenters/formats/.

Please read criteria for each format and ensure that you have the appropriate number of presenters for your chosen format.
You may submit proposals online at: http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/submissions
or send your proposals via email to prcall@hawaii.edu.

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