Mental Health Topic Area

Wellness for the 21\textsuperscript{st} 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.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the Pacific Rim team at prcall@hawaii.edu.

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