

2014 Ohio Prevention & Education, Early Childhood Conference Call for Papers

June 2-5, 2014 Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Prevention, the Bureau of Children and Families, the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health Help Me Grow Early Intervention and Home visiting program are working together to build the capacity of Ohio's prevention, early intervention, and home visiting workforce to transform wellness and to enhance the delivery of **evidence-based** prevention/intervention strategies for Ohio's children, families and communities.

If you would like to submit a proposal to present at the 2014 conference, please note the following important information:

- **Submission Deadline: February 28, 2014**
- **Submissions will only be accepted electronically (via e-mail).**
- **All presenters must register for the conference.**
- **Free registration for the conference will be provided for only one speaker per session.**

Conference Objectives

- Promote collaboration at the state, county and community levels to meet prevention/early intervention needs
- Provide opportunities for networking across multiple systems invested in the delivery of quality mental, emotional, behavioral (MEB) prevention/early intervention services
- Promote an understanding of prevention science and the utilization of evidence based MEB prevention programs, practices, strategies and policies that focuses on efficiency
- Present technology based MEB prevention and early intervention strategies that reduce risk factors.
- Provide workshops that demonstrate Cultural Competency as fundamental to evidence based MEB prevention practices. Presentations must demonstrate how their relationship with the consumer is critical to their evidenced based MEB prevention practice and consistent with achieving the intended outcome.
- Showcase Ohio's MEB prevention resources

Workshop Criteria

The OPEC/Early Childhood Conference Planning Committee encourages workshop proposals from a variety of systems, individuals and programs that correspond with one of the three tracks listed below and that exemplify:

- Knowledge of research and evidence-based MEB prevention strategies including technology based strategies.
- Cultural competency as foundational for effective population-based MEB prevention services delivery;
- Networking and coordination across multiple systems as necessary for the delivery of effective evidence-based MEB prevention strategies and as key to meeting prevention needs at the state, county and community level.

Please submit your proposal via e-mail to Valerie Connolly-Leach, Valerie.Connolly-Leach@mha.ohio.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2014.

We appreciate the dedication you have demonstrated by submitting your proposal to present at the Ohio Prevention and Education/Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. Thank you and we will notify you of your acceptance to present by March 28, 2014.