



Alaska Peer Partnership Conference 2011

Peer Powered Systems

CALL FOR PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The Alaska Peer Support Consortium (the Consortium) welcomes expressions of interest for people to present sessions at Peer Powered Systems, the Alaska Peer Partnerships Conference 2011. The Consortium encourages presentations that encourage us to learn together to build innovative programs and individual wellness.

You are invited to submit a short abstract (200-250 words) of your presentation.

The Style of the presentation may be a oral presentation, workshop or discussion forum, etc.

Preferred time allocation (30 mins, 60 mins, 90 mins, 120 mins)

Peer Powered Systems will attract over 300 people on 11 – 12 April 2011 and will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage.

The conference theme is Peer Powered Systems and sessions that support that theme and its sub-themes will be preferred, but are not essential.

Conference Sub-Themes

Partnerships: Creating new possibilities

How do we create better and more effective partnerships between peer run organizations and behavioral health providers? And what about those not typically identifying with the behavioral health sector? The links between welfare, education, youth, justice, religious, physical health and other sectors that help those in need get the right support at the right time.

This stream explores some of the innovative approaches to shared services and collaboration. Its focus is both within and beyond what we currently consider as behavioral health services to explore how our communities and the threads that connect us all can lead to powerful and sustaining approaches to wellbeing.

Healing and Self care: Understanding Me

The excitement of healing, self care, self sufficiency, individual worth and wellbeing, the significance of a personal belief structure and the fundamental nature of being 'me'.

This stream explores healing and self care in relation to body, mind, spirit, art and humor. Bring your creativity to the table.

Systems Change: Analyzing our successes

This stream analyses the lessons learned and the challenges still to be resolved. It looks at the need to continue increasing the access to peers as equals in behavioral health services. It focuses on groundbreaking peer providing services and asks how can we ensure there is a real choice of culturally specific and socially oriented service is available to all?

Beyond: Developing the future

How can we help create a stronger and healthier community into the next 10 years? Are community attitudes to behavioral health changing? Are we an enabling society or one still afraid of what we don't know?

Increasingly youth health services are showing us a new approach and attitude towards maintaining wellbeing. What other changing trends are already shaping our practices and policies and how do we capture these changes and the transformational opportunities that we might need to embrace?

An opportunity to be challenged and provoked and to witness how the sector and the issues are evolving.

Submissions will be selected based on the information provided in your submission form. Proposal submission implies agreement with review guidelines and decisions.

We encourage any individual or organization to put forward a session.

Proposals are due by Monday November 29, 2010. Notification of the status of your proposal will be no later than January 15, 2011.