



Feeding Wisconsin is requesting proposals for its 2017 Hunger and Health Summit, which will take place May 9 and 10 at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.

Please read this Call for Proposals carefully before submitting. The deadline is February 28, 2017.

We look forward to reading your proposals!

2017 THEME: FORWARD TOGETHER

With uncertainty regarding the Affordable Care Act and potential changes to important nutrition programs like FoodShare, our work together in hunger and health – and our ability to magnify our work in local communities to the state and national scale – is now more important than ever.

Therefore, the theme for our summit this year is Forward Together.

We hope that this theme is a clarion call to all stakeholders - hunger fighters, healthcare advocates, physicians, hospitals, policymakers, growers, and food industry - to come together to learn about and develop realistic, evidence-based solutions to reduce food insecurity and poverty, and ultimately improve the health of Wisconsin.

THE CONFERENCE AND AUDIENCE

The Feeding Wisconsin Hunger and Health Summit is an annual two-day gathering of 150-200 direct service providers, state agencies, healthcare providers, insurance providers, anti-hunger and food system advocates, and other stakeholders interested in fighting hunger and improving health.

FORMAT

The summit will follow four tracks to support our Forward Together theme. Breakout sessions must fall within one of our four tracks.

Sessions are 75 minutes in length and can be delivered in the format of your choice: panel, lecture, interactive workshop, or any format that you are expert in facilitating.

TRACKS

The 2017 Summit will feature four topic tracks:

Track 1: Hunger and Health Partnerships: This track explores and highlights projects and collaborations that bring together hunger-fighting/anti-poverty organizations and healthcare providers to address the social determinants of health.

Track 2: Policy and Research: This track will highlight evidence-based research on the correlations between hunger and health and policies to address them. This track will also include policy related sessions on federal nutrition programs (SNAP, National School Lunch and Breakfast, TEFAP, WIC, etc.) and healthcare (Medicaid, Medicare, ACA).

Track 3: FoodShare Outreach: This track explores best practices for conducting benefits outreach to low income populations, investigates how FoodShare policies are made on the state and federal level and how those policies are communicated to FoodShare members and applicants, and how we can empower low income households to advocate for themselves to ultimately transition off of federal benefits.

Track 4: A Healthy Emergency Food System: With over 1,000 food pantries and other emergency food outlets in every county of our state serving nearly 600,000 people over 4.5 million times every year, the emergency food system is an important vector to improve the health of our population. Sessions in this track will highlight how food pantries and meal programs are able to increase the supply, demand and consumption of healthy food.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FROM 2016

- The following topics were suggested from the 2016 Summit Evaluations. Please utilize this as a guide for developing your proposal. In parenthesis, we have provided potential tracks as an example of the how different sessions might fit into tracks.
- Evaluating needs of the community; using community health needs assessment or other assessments to drive programs (Research; Partnerships)
- Fighting hunger to improve health in the Healthy Wisconsin 2020 plan (Hunger and Health Partnerships)
- Impact of farm-to-school programs to increase healthy food in school lunches (Partnerships; Emergency Food)
- Local food programs/efforts and how it can (or can't) help end the hunger issue (Emergency Food)

- How to build local organizing capacity in community health efforts (Partnerships)
- What are the experiences of the people with lived experience with nutrition programs, emergency food programs and BadgerCare and how they engage/utilize these programs? (Emergency Food; FoodShare)
- What do recipients of food programs think about the issue? (Emergency Food)
- How do we actually educate people on eating healthy - practical advice on how to adapt existing nutrition education practices into disparate local communities (Emergency Food; FoodShare)
- What are realistic, evidence based solutions to ending hunger? (Policy and Research)
- A session with physicians on food prescriptions (Partnerships)
- What is the role of businesses and corporations in ending hunger? (Partnerships) What is the role of the state and policies/legislators? (Policy and Research)
- How pantries should balance unhealthy and healthy foods, given that they cannot control what is delivered by the food bank or donors? (Emergency Food)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All proposals for the 2017 Hunger and Health Summit must be submitted electronically via email to David Lee at dalee@feedingwi.org. Proposals are due by 11:59 pm central time on February 28, 2017.

Session Proposal Guidelines:

- Session title and description (300-500 words)
- Target audience
- Three learning outcomes that the attendee can expect to take away from the presentation and apply in their communities
- Session format (e.g., lecture, panel, interactive workshop)
- Presenter's name, title, organization, email, phone number, and mailing address
- If you are proposing a panel, contact information for each proposed panelist
- Are you willing to combine with another presenter on a similar theme?

If selected, your name, biography, photo, presentation title, session description and learning objectives will be made available on the Feeding Wisconsin website and registration site.

Your presentation may be uploaded to the Feeding Wisconsin site for conference attendees and other interested parties to download.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To ensure full and fair consideration, proposals will be evaluated and selected by the Hunger Summit Planning Committee according to criteria that include:

1. Relevance – directly addresses the conference theme and selected topic track. A preference will be added to proposals that touch on the suggestions from the 2016 evaluations. Collaborative proposals across sectors will also be given additional priority.
2. Clarity – offers a clear description of the proposed session and learning objectives. Selection committee - and attendees - should have a clear sense of what you are proposing to offer in your session.
3. Innovation – displays innovations or originality.
4. Application – participants will be able to learn practical tools or lessons.
5. Balance – the conference planning committee strives to create a balanced program covering a wide range of topics with diverse presenters.

Selected presentations will be given complimentary conference admission for up to three (3) presenters per session. Each presenter remains responsible for his or her own expenses (travel, lodging, etc.).

Everyone who submitted proposals will be notified of selection decisions no later than March 15, 2017.

TIMELINE

Call for proposals opens on Tuesday, January 27, 2017.

Proposals are due Friday, February 28, 2017. All proposals must be submitted electronically.

Feeding Wisconsin will notify all applicants of their application status by March 15, 2017, via email.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact David Lee, Executive Director, Feeding Wisconsin, by email at dalee@feedingwi.org or by phone at 608-960-4511.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.