

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Conference  
Strengthening Our Communities: Opportunities for Action  
September 29, 2017  
Saddlebrook Resort, Wesley Chapel

***Call for Presentations!***

The Call for Presentations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Conference, “Strengthening Our Communities: Opportunities for Action” is now open! Hosts BayCare Behavioral Health and the Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention invite the public to submit proposals by May 29, 2017.

**About the Conference:**

To reduce substance abuse and improve health, we must work all together to strengthen our communities. This conference will inspire attendees to engage in cross-sector collaboration and apply innovative health promotion ideas to where they live, learn, work and play. The conference is scheduled to take place on September 21, 2017 at the Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

**Presentation Proposal Requirements:**

The Call for Presentations is open to any person or organization with interests in promoting population health, behavioral health, and health care quality. Breakout presentation sessions will be 75 minutes in duration and programmed into four thematic tracks: Successful Recovery, Prevention and Wellness, Behavioral Health Science, and Healthcare Quality and Integration. All presentations MUST encourage a specific action to be taken by attendees. Please see attached document for more details regarding tracks.

Applicants are asked to complete the Presentation Proposal Form and to submit it electronically with all supporting documents to Christina Roberto by May 29, 2017. The lead presenter will be notified upon acceptance of the proposal by July 3, 2017. A complimentary registration fee, lunch, and the opportunity to feature your research and/or organization are offered to presenters.

Selected presenters will be required to submit additional documentation in support of CEU requirements at least one month prior to the conference.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Christina Roberto via email at [christina.roberto@baycare.org](mailto:christina.roberto@baycare.org).

## Conference Track Descriptions

### **Successful Recovery**

September is National Recovery Month. In honor of this national observance, this track will focus on actions that individuals and communities can take to prevent relapse and help people live successful lives in recovery. Session topics may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Cultural competency training
- Policies that improve success (ex: housing or hiring policies that accommodate people with drug-related criminal charges)
- Campaigns to Reduce Stigma
- Increasing access to MAT and social services

### **Prevention and Wellness**

Over the last few decades, we have learned that addiction and mental illness are greatly influenced by underlying social issues, such as poverty, adverse traumatic experiences, and poor educational opportunities. This track will highlight actions that individuals and communities can take to address these “root problems” of addiction and mental illness. Session topics may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Strategies to reduce homelessness
- Programs to improve family life
- Actions to reduce human trafficking
- Increasing health and media literacy

### **Behavioral Health Science**

This track is designed to bring attendees applicable, new understandings of addiction, mental health, and treatments which improve health outcomes and quality of life. Session topics may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Epigenetics
- Nutrition’s role in mental health
- The science and application of Naloxone
- Marijuana: medicinal vs. recreational

### **Health Care Quality and Integration:**

As we learn more about the interconnectedness between addiction, mental health, and physical health, we understand the need to work alongside multiple entities to ensure all biopsychosocial needs of patients are met. This track will focus on collaboration opportunities and multi-faceted solutions to improve some of the greatest behavioral health issues of our time. Session topics include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Organizations that are integrating clinical services and health records
- Emergency department strategies
- Innovative diversion programs
- Working together to reduce opioid crisis