



The Ontario Network
for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

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ONPEA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009

November 3 & 4, 2009

Doubletree by Hilton - Toronto Airport
655 Dixon Road, Toronto

National Perspectives on Elder Abuse: Join the Conversation

Call for Papers

The Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ONPEA) invites submissions for papers, workshops and posters to be presented at the **Annual ONPEA Conference** being held on **November 3rd - 4th, 2009** in Toronto, Ontario. This National Conference welcomes participants from across Canada to participate and present at this unique event.

The theme of this year's conference is ***"National Perspectives on Elder Abuse: Join the Conversation."*** The intent of the conference is to facilitate knowledge exchange amongst stakeholders from across Canada about "*promising approaches*" in elder abuse prevention and intervention.

The conference themes will include legislation, justice system responses, legal and law practices, intervention practices, research, community and health programs, educational and awareness initiatives and government strategies.

Interdisciplinary abstracts are encouraged. Abstracts must be submitted by **June 24, 2009**.

This conference provides an excellent opportunity for individuals and organizations to highlight key developments in the area of elder abuse. Your experience gained through practical applications and/or research is vital to the promotion and sharing of promising approaches in the field. Over 300 delegates are expected at the conference.

STREAMS

Submissions are encouraged in the following topic areas and those which also address ethno-specific communities, seniors with mental health issues, gay/lesbian transgendered communities, northern and rural communities, First Nations communities, and the Francophone population.

The following list highlights key areas for consideration, but *all topics will be considered*.

HEALTH

This stream deals with informing stakeholders on initiatives that include the development or implementation of elder abuse screening tools for health care professionals, policies within organizations/long-term care homes/hospitals, medical investigative resources, emerging practices and research on the health and economic impacts of elder abuse. Examples: agency or hospital policies, screening tools, staff training within community and/or care facilities, morbidity and mortality research, forensic health care.

SOCIAL

This stream will focus on programs, services and interventions that assist in achieving and maintaining the health and wellness of older adult victims such as effective strategies for working with older victims, counseling, peer support, housing/shelters, and safety planning. This stream also looks at the latest trends/issues in research on programs addressing mental health, capacity, and addictions.

JUSTICE

This stream will explore law enforcements capacity to investigate and intervene in situations of elder abuse and highlight challenges faced by the justice sector in detecting, documenting and confirming abuse and neglect. Papers may review the process in prosecuting cases of elder abuse including interviewing strategies, investigative techniques, access to information, privacy legislation of working with health and community sectors and innovative ways for data collection to track elder abuse crimes including neglect and exploitation. This stream may also review existing case law, issues related to evidence (i.e. hearsay) and court supports for older adults. Case studies can be used to illustrate these issues.

GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

This stream will facilitate the sharing of federal, provincial and territorial strategies and approaches for preventing and tackling elder abuse. Programs and campaigns that have been developed to enhance awareness and promote the prevention of elder abuse within communities and/or care facilities will be discussed. This may include media campaigns, effective marketing programs, educational programs, and innovative training curriculums.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS

This stream will review the federal legislation in Canada as it pertains to elder abuse and neglect cases. Papers should address legislative frameworks within the provinces and territories and explain how they enable police, health and community agencies to assist older adults at risk or abused. This session will also highlight the challenges with existing legislative frameworks (i.e. what is and is not working).

NETWORK/COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES

This stream will provide the sharing of models and approaches that reflect “collaboration” across sectors. These include collaborative approaches among and between national, provincial, territorial and community networks and organizations. Papers should highlight innovative approaches used in working together to promote awareness and education, solutions for overcoming barriers (i.e. developing interagency understandings/ protocols) mechanisms for building community capacity and response and sustainable networks. The successful outcomes of programs can also be discussed.

TEAM APPROACHES

It is becoming increasingly evident that solutions to elder abuse must involve an interdisciplinary approach. Papers will address successful models of interdisciplinary collaborative efforts and programs that foster cross-disciplinary relationships that enhance elder abuse responses. These include approaches such as multi-disciplinary teams, intervention teams, specialized police units.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

The **Submission Form** must be completed detailing:

- 1) title of the proposed paper/workshop
- 2) 50-word description of the presentation
- 3) an abstract of 250-400 words
- 4) full contact information of presenters including organization, e-mail address, and fax/telephone

The deadline for abstract submissions is June 24, 2009.

Presentations will be accepted in the following formats:

Papers

Papers are 30 minutes in duration (includes 10 minutes for discussion). Paper presentations are an overview of an innovative program, policy, initiative or research project. Presenters should also allow time for questions and participant interaction.

Posters:

This format is a visual presentation highlighting an innovative program, policy, initiative, or research finding. Posters are mounted on a poster board. Posters will be exhibited throughout the conference and poster presenters will also have an opportunity to interact with colleagues during refreshment breaks and a scheduled poster session. All poster presenters will be required to be available for questions and answers during designated times. Posters should be attractive and large in print. Poster presentations are designed to foster maximum interaction with attendees.

Workshops

These are 60 minute sessions that allow for in-depth presentations, an overview of an innovative program, policy, initiative, research finding or a demonstration and application of techniques and skills. Workshop sessions should focus on outcomes and the impact of a policy framework on staff, management, and older adults. Workshops allow for interaction and discussion.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

An individual or organization is allowed more than one submission, but each submission must contain all required information.

CRITERIA:

The 250-400 word abstract will be the basis for judging the paper's eligibility by a peer review panel. Papers will be reviewed by the Program Committee based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to current field of practice quality
- New and emerging issues
- Innovation and originality
- Clarity and organization

In addition, papers will be selected to ensure a varied program.

Submissions must be submitted on-line via the ONPEA website: www.onpea.org

Please complete the submission form using the on-line system available on the ONPEA website. It contains a list of all the information required. If you do not have Internet access, a hard copy of the forms can be requested from Meeting Management Services at 905-335-7993.

Instructions for Submission of Abstracts

The contact person will be the only one contacted regarding a submission. It is the responsibility of the contact person to notify all others involved in the submission.

1. The **50-word** description of your presentation will be used in all conference advertising material. ***Please use clear language to describe the presentation.***
2. The **250-400 word abstract** is the only information used to evaluate your submission. Abstracts should include:
 - a) Objectives of the presentation
 - b) Intended audience
 - c) Key points/topic areas
 - d) Expected outcomes for the delegates
 - e) How you will engage the audience
3. Your submission must include the title of the presentation, presenter(s) and organization(s), phone number(s), email(s), presentation description, abstract, preferred format, language of presentation, and audio-visual needs. Audio-visual equipment must be ordered in advance.
4. Abstracts must be submitted in the language of presentation (English or French). Simultaneous translation will NOT be provided.
5. If accepted, presenters are REQUIRED to submit their presentations by **October 2, 2009** so that they can be posted on the ONPEA website for delegates to download prior to the conference.
6. All submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **June 24, 2009**. On-line applications are preferred.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

All applicants will be informed of the status of their submission by June 30th, 2009. The contact person will be the only individual contacted regarding the submission.

REGISTRATION FOR PRESENTERS

All conference presenters will be required to register for the conference. ONPEA is exploring a reduced registration fee for presenters. Registration includes all sessions, reception, continental breakfast, lunch, comfort breaks and materials.

At least one presenter from each presentation must register and pay by September 11th, 2009 in order to confirm your spot in the program.

Presenters will be responsible for fees related to audiovisual rental costs associated with their presentation that are not currently provided by the facility.

QUESTIONS?

Conference information will be posted regularly at our website at **www.onpea.org**. If you have any questions, please contact:

Contact: Meeting Management Services Inc.
Phone: (905) 335-7993 or (800) 625-7925
Fax: (905) 332-1587
E-mail: linda@mmsonline.ca



2009 ONPEA Abstract Submission Form

Please complete the following Submission Form. The primary contact will be the only person contacted regarding acceptance. It is their responsibility to communicate with the other presenters about the submission.

Primary Contact

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

ONPEA Member: Yes No

Travel Subsidy

If my abstract is accepted for presentation, I will be applying for a travel subsidy. Yes No

Other Presenters or Contributors – (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

ONPEA Member: Yes No

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

ONPEA Member: Yes No

Language of Presentation

The presentation will be presented in: French English

TITLE OF ABSTRACT: _____

CONFERENCE PROGRAM STREAM:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice system responses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal and law practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Intervention practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Community and health programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational and awareness initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Government strategies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Network/Collaborative Approaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Approaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

PRESENTATION FORMAT:

- Workshop Paper Poster

If my first choice of presentation format is not accepted, I am willing to present in another format. Yes No

AUDIO-VISUAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please indicate all audio-visual requirements. We cannot guarantee last minute accommodations to presentation changes for Information Technology (IT) needs. Each participant is responsible for bringing backup copies on a memory stick or a CD of their PowerPoint presentation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LCD Projector | <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop | <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Projector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip-chart and Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> DVD player | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list other audio-visual equipment needs) | _____ | |

Additional equipment such as laser pointers, TVs, monitors, etc., will not be supplied and must be arranged by the presenter if required.

Abstract Description

Please provide a 250-400 word abstract of your session that includes.

1. Objectives of the presentation
2. Intended audience
3. Key points/topic areas
4. Expected outcomes for the delegates
5. How you will engage the audience

Camera-ready handout material must be sent electronically to ONPEA by October 2, 2009 for posting on our website.

Please forward the completed Call for Papers by June 24th, 2009 to:

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