

APHSA National Human Services Summit Call for Proposals



Guiding information to help submit a strong proposal

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Intent for the Event and Call for Proposals

The APHSA National Human Services Summit (Summit) brings together our members, allied human-serving organizations, and key partners to connect with one another to learn about the latest trends and innovations in policy, practice, and programs related to human services. We are looking for engaging and interactive content that informs attendees of the latest policy changes, program and process innovations, and opportunities on the horizon. We are also interested in proposals discussing how agencies are promoting solutions led by those with lived experience and human-centered design.

APHSA and its members are committed to advancing racial equity. Content addressing how to dismantle structural inequities in our systems and root causes of racial disparities through policy and practice are strongly encouraged.

The content for the 2023 Summit will be organized in the following three **Focus Areas** as detailed in the pages that follow:

- **Moving Human Services Upstream**
- **Advancing Social and Economic Mobility**
- **Strengthening the Human Services Sector**

We want to encourage submissions for *interactive presentations* that involve the audience and/or engage your panelists in active dialogue with each other about their experiences and ideas.

What this Focus Area represents...

- Proactively promoting well-being
- Focusing on approaches that are designed to be primary prevention or early intervention
- Aligning systems to advance child & family well-being
- Active and authentic inclusion of individuals with lived expertise and community partners

Possible Session Topics

- Special Track: Family First at 5 Years – What We’ve Learned and Where do We Go Next?
- Cross-Sector partnerships that promote family well-being
- Primary prevention strategies, including economic supports, housing, and substance use treatment programs for parents
- Accelerating interoperability and information sharing within and across agencies to improve outcomes
- Engaging people’s lived experience to drive policy and system reform and innovation
- Utilizing data to assess our impact in improving the well-being of children and families through primary prevention or early intervention services
- Blue Sky Ideas - Using data to address disparate outcomes in Human Services

What this Focus Area represents...

- Co-creating pathways for long-term success
- Focusing on whole family approaches
- Aligning workforce, education, and human service systems

Possible Session Topics

- Eliminating benefits cliffs across public assistance programs
- Emerging models in delivering social and economic supports that advance upward mobility
- The Future of Child Care: Building equity and sustainability into our Child Care system
- Supporting young people transitioning from foster care to improve long-term outcomes
- Building partnerships across public, private, and philanthropic sectors focused on
 - Economic mobility or
 - Workforce and education systems
- Using innovative data practices to assess our impact to build and deliver equitable services
- Blue Sky Ideas: The future of human services in advancing social and economic mobility

What this Focus Area represents:

- Supporting people and systems to move us forward
- Investing in leadership and development of the human services workforce
- Leveraging technology to build equitable, human-centered systems
- Building the resilience of the human services system and its infrastructure

Possible Session Topics

- Navigating the workforce crisis: innovative and practical solutions to today's challenges
- Designing and implementing organizational Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB) efforts
- Generative leadership models that create collaborative, integrated organizational cultures
- Technology and financing solutions that support more adaptive, integrated, and equitable human services
- Exploring the impact of shifting global and societal issues and norms on the human services field
- Using data to continuously enhance the effectiveness of policies, practices, and programs
- Blue Sky Ideas: Creating a human services culture of safety, well-being, belonging, and learning grounded in lived experience and centered in community voice

Definitions

| Session Type | Definition | Notes |
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| Interactive Sessions <i>that will spark learning and engagement</i> | Following a short presentation, session will engage and interact with participants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommend having a designated facilitator for time tracking |
| Panel presentation | A panel of no more than four speakers <i>including</i> a moderator. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent way to showcase success stories• Private sector presenters are strongly encouraged to have state or local client present with them |
| Blue Sky Sessions | Dream big and go bold on content that showcases improved outcomes for our communities and advances the future of human services | |

Timeline of Deliverables

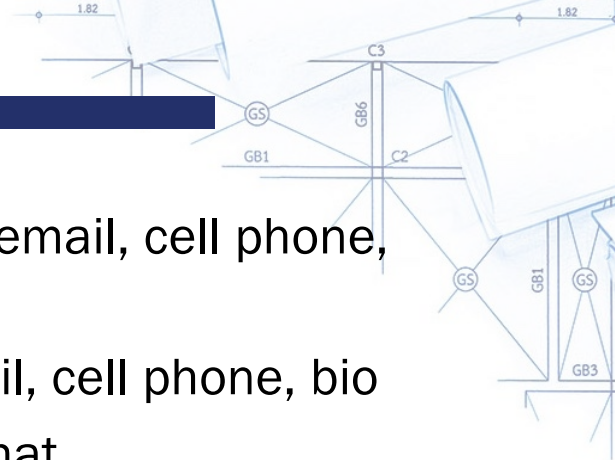
| Deliverable | Deadline |
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| Open Call for Proposals | Friday, January 27 |
| Close Call for Proposals | Friday, February 24 |
| Review and Selection by Planning Committee | Completed by Wednesday, March 15 |
| Notification to Accepted Presenters | By Wednesday, March 22 |
| Speaker and Moderator Training | Tuesday, April 18; 3:00 PM EST |
| All Materials Due to APHSA Events Team | Friday, May 12 |
| First Day of Event | Sunday, May 21 |

What you need to start your submission

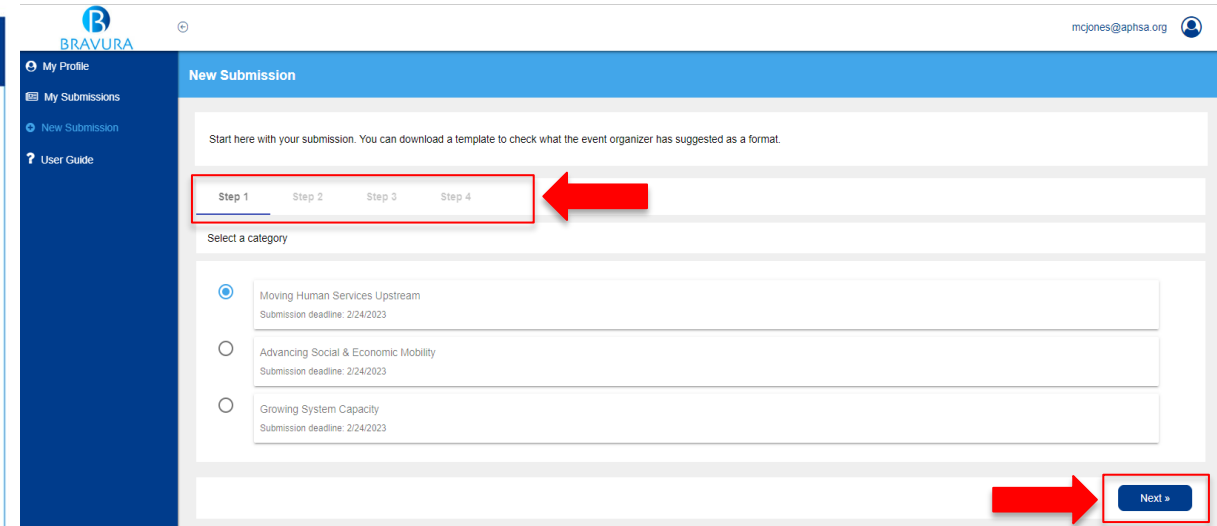
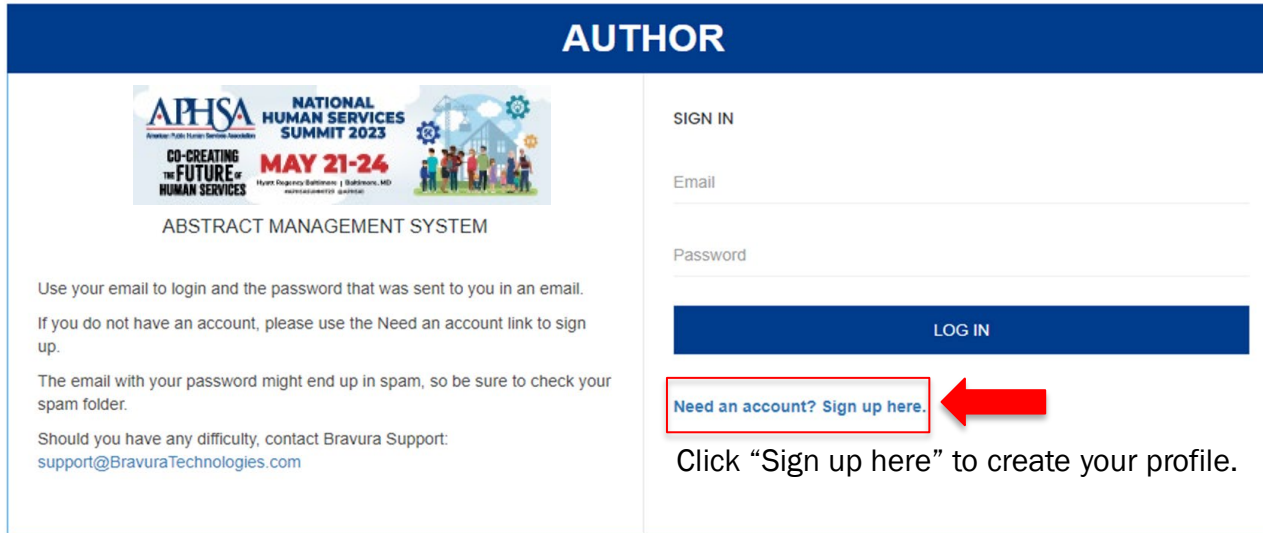
Gathering this information prior to starting each submission will be helpful

All fields marked with a red asterisk () are required*

- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio
- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio
- Session title – no more than 10 words in title format
- Summary of your session – no more than 350 words
- Up to three (3) learning objectives (e.g., applied learning in an agency)
 - *What will an attendee take away that they can use immediately in their work?*
 - *What will an attendee be able to implement in their organization in the next 6 to 12 months?*
 - *How will the information presented in your session support an attendee in transforming their practice and/or agency?*



Getting Started: Use this [link to enter](#) the Summit Call for Proposals portal



- You will receive an email including your username and password.
- Individual emails are required for each presenter.
- You cannot use the same email for all presenters.

- Follow each step to complete your proposal submission.
- Click “Next” to proceed to the next step.
- You will have the opportunity to return to the previous screen if you need to make any changes.

Once all required fields are completed, you will be able to complete your submission. You can also save your work and come back to edit, as needed, until **Friday, February 24th**.

Questions or Need Assistance?

Throughout the submission process, you will find a “**Technical Support**” button at the top right of the screen.

Contact the Events Team at aphsaconferences@aphsa.org for questions on content, deadlines, required materials, etc. This email is being monitored by the team and you should receive a response within one (1) business day, Monday-Friday.

You may also reach out directly to a member of the Events Team:

- Donna Jarvis-Miller, djarvis-miller@aphsa.org
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For information on registration, hotel reservations, and other important updates visit the [Summit website](#).