

Meaningful Care Conference 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - Organizational Partners

Proposals for workshop sessions at the 2024 Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer + (LGBTQ2S+) Meaningful Care Conference are now being accepted. **The 2024 Conference theme is *Surviving and Thriving: Beyond Resilience***. Proposals must be submitted by the end of the day on **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**. You can submit a proposal [at this link](#).

The 2024 Meaningful Care Conference is the effort of a group of 2SLGBTQ+ focused community programs and individuals who have joined together to promote cultural competency for healthcare and social service providers working with members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. It is the intention that the knowledge shared at this conference will improve health care provision, utilization, satisfaction, and outcomes for 2SLGBTQ+ consumers through expanding access to culturally competent care.

The conference continues to be one of the largest 2SLGBTQ+ cultural competency trainings for medical and social service providers on the West Coast, with over 400 attendees biannually. The 2024 Meaningful Care Conference is coordinated by the LGBTQ Health Coalition of the Columbia-Willamette, a community-based partnership of agencies and individuals serving 2SLGBTQ+ communities. For more information on the conference, please see our website: <https://meaningfulcare.org/>.

The 2024 Meaningful Care Conference is **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** in Portland, Oregon.

The day-long conference seeks to:

- Promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, Two Spirit + cultural competency in health care and social services
- Share updated best practice applications of LGBTQ2S+ cultural competency in health care

- Develop and diversify networks of LGBTQ2S+ culturally competent health care and social service providers
- Provide a space for community and resiliency while empowering community to advocate and influence policy

Attendees will include medical care, social service, and allied health providers; city and county health officials; students of healthcare and social services; and a diverse array of 2SLGBTQ+ community members. We are seeking a variety of beginning, intermediate, and advanced-level presentations and workshops.

Presentations should relate to the 2024 Conference Theme: *Surviving and Thriving: Beyond Resilience*.

Special consideration will be given to presentations that focus on one of the following topics:

- Creating safe and welcoming environments for 2SLGBTQIA+ patients & clients, particularly transgender individuals
 - Culturally-specific care
 - Considering intersectional identities
 - Diversity and representation in healthcare & service organizations
- Activism, allyship, and advocacy
 - Understanding rights and legislation
 - Making changes in legislation and within communities
 - De-escalation and self-defense
- Community and partnerships
 - Leadership and mentorship
 - Grassroots organizing
 - Building partnerships
 - Mutual aid & collective care
- Gender-affirming care
 - Gender-affirming hormone therapies and surgeries
 - Mental and behavioral gender-affirming care

- How to counsel patients
- Multi-generational, inter-generational, and life span approaches
 - Youth-led, elder-guided
 - Accessible care for queer trans youth and older adults
 - Addressing specific needs of queer trans older adults
 - Dispelling myths around gender-affirming care for youth
- Supporting culturally-specific individuals and communities
- Supporting rural & non-urban communities

Criteria for rating proposals include:

- Intent is clear
- Learning objectives are achievable
- Presentation style supports integration of information into healthcare and social service settings
- Content relates to conference goals and is applicable in a variety of cultural settings
- Proposal addresses the diversity of LGBTQ2S+ community and related health care concerns

Session formats may include lectures, panel presentations, roundtable discussions, and interactive workshops. In addition to 15 - 20 minute panel presentations, 45 minute, 60 minute, 90 minute sessions are being considered. Some sessions may be scheduled to repeat, once in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Conference fees will be waived for presenters. Deadline for proposal submission is **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.**

Please contact Rachel Greim at rachel@oraetc.org or 971-373-5365 (call or text), with any questions regarding proposal submission.

[Click here](#) to access the Proposal Form to **SUBMIT TODAY!**