

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2019 AUTISM CARES MEETING

Deadline: May 20, 2019 at 11:59pm EST
Notification of Acceptance: June 14, 2019

* Denotes required field

Overview:

This call for proposals includes all submissions for the 2019 Autism CARES Meeting on July 18-19 in Washington, D.C. The theme for this year's meeting is "*Ten Years of Autism CARES Act Programs: Improving the Lives of People with ASD/DD, their Families, and Communities.*" This meeting will be an opportunity for MCHB-funded [CARES legislation grantees](#) (representing research, training, and state demonstration stakeholders) to share information about activities within their respective networks, discuss emerging trends, and facilitate meaningful collaboration.

The meeting will be organized around three strands:

1. Increasing Equity
2. Improving Systems Performance
3. Achieving Population-Level Outcomes

Plain Language Definitions for Strands:

- "Increasing Equity" means making the system more fair. Some people with ASD/DD have a hard time accessing doctors, jobs and other services because of their race, income or other identities. This strand will focus on how we are making life better for people with disadvantages.
- "Improving Systems Performance" means getting programs and providers to work together so more people can get their needs met, both now and in the future. People with ASD/DD often need many different services to help them live in their communities. This strand will focus on ways that programs connect with each other to reach common goals.
- "Achieving Population-Level Outcomes" means making things better for whole communities, not just for one person at a time. We can measure how things are getting better with numbers like employment rates or school statistics. This strand will focus on how we know if we are improving life for whole groups of people.

Note about language: Recognizing that the autism community has diverse opinions about terminology related to the identities of autistic individuals/individuals with autism, we will be following the language used by congress within the Autism CARES legislation: "individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities" or the related abbreviation "ASD/DD."

Proposals will be accepted for poster symposia sessions, which seek to deepen levels of engagement between those interested in common topics, or concurrent sessions, which showcase promising practices within the Autism CARES network.

Posters:

All posters for the Autism CARES Meeting will be presented on Thursday in one of four Poster Symposia. During these 60 minute sessions, 5-6 posters on a similar theme will be displayed on boards and grouped together in a room. With the guidance of a moderator, presenters will briefly speak round-robin style about their poster at the beginning of the session, after which time attendees will be able to speak with individual poster presenters directly for the remainder of the session.

If your presentation is accepted in this format, you will be expected to create and hang a poster (not larger than 4' tall by 8' wide), accompany your poster and discuss it with symposium attendees, and remove the poster at the conclusion of your assigned session. Electronic versions of posters, in PowerPoint or PDF format, are also *required* and will be posted on the Autism CARES Meeting website before and after the event.

Concurrent Sessions:

There will be four sets of 60-minute concurrent sessions on Thursday; this portion of the meeting is intended to highlight promising practices, innovative strategies, or emerging trends in each of the three strands. Proposals may include a single presenter or a panel of up to three presenters. Time for interactive discussion is encouraged.

Upon submission of your application (below) you will receive an automatic receipt to acknowledge that AUCD has received your information; please keep this for your records. Please note that there are two steps to confirm your submission. *If you do not receive a receipt, your submission was not received by AUCD.*

Please remember that all information presented during the 2019 Autism CARES Meeting must adhere to [AUCD's Accessibility Guidelines](#). All questions regarding the meeting should be directed to AUCD MCH Technical Assistance staff: [Sarah DeMaio](#) or [Luis Valdez](#).

* 1. I understand that all presenters are required to register for the meeting and are responsible for all associated travel and attendance costs. [Click here](#) to register for the event. Yes.

* 2. In submitting this proposal, I assume the responsibilities of a presentation leader, namely the responsibility for notifying the following co-presenters of all requirements regarding registration, meeting fees, scheduling information, and accessibility requirements and the responsibility to communicate with AUCD staff and co-presenters regarding the status of our presentation.

I agree to assume these responsibilities.

* 3. I would like this proposal to be considered for the following type of presentation:

Concurrent session presentation

Poster symposia presentation

Please note: AUCD may accept your proposal for a different presentation format than requested.

Contact Information

* 4. Presentation Leader

Name (include degree)

Organizational Affiliation

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

5. Other presenter

Name (include degree)

Affiliation

City/Town

6. Other presenter (2)

Name (include degree)

Affiliation

City/Town

State/Province

Country

State/Province

Country

7. *Does one or more of the presenters identify as having a disability? Yes No
8. *Does this presentation represent collaboration among programs/organizations/agencies? Yes No
9. *Our presentation team involves the following types of Autism CARES grantees:
- Research: AIR-P, AIR-B, DBPNet, HWRN, HCT-RN, Other
 - Training: LEND
 - State Systems Change: Planning and/or Implementation
 - Training: DBP
 - Other (please specify): _____

Presentation Description

NOTE: text will be printed in the meeting program and online exactly as it is entered into this form. Please proofread accordingly.

1. *Title of Presentation: (20-word maximum, no more than one full sentence)

2. *Proposal Description: (700-character maximum) Provide succinct information to assist participants in their selection of sessions / symposia to attend. If selected, this description will be used to publicly describe your presentation in the meeting app. Please proofread carefully.

3. *Abstract: (4000-character maximum) This abstract will be used by a committee to evaluate your proposal, based on the following criteria: interest and applicability to a variety of Autism CARES grantees, theme relevance, effectiveness of information delivery, demonstration of impact, and overall organization / clarity.

4. *Describe the extent to which your presentation demonstrates progress in at least one of the three meeting subthemes: Increasing Equity, Improving Systems Performance, and Achieving Population-Level Outcomes.

(2000 character maximum)



5. *Are you willing to serve as a facilitator for a discussion on a topic related to the subtheme(s) identified in question 4?

- Yes.
- No.

Handouts and Presentation Information

Please remember that all information presented at the 2019 Autism CARES Meeting must adhere [to AUCD conference accessibility guidelines](#). Upon acceptance of your proposal, you will be notified of deadlines for submitting information.

AV and Special Requests

1. AV Special Requests:

2. Disability Accommodations: List only those accommodations required by the presenter(s) to participate in the presentation. Hotel and transportation accommodations must be arranged separately.



3. Please add additional comments if needed.