

# 2023 Bringing It Home Conference on Ending Homelessness Call for Proposals

As preparations begin for the 2023 Bringing It Home Conference on Ending Homelessness in North Carolina on May 2-3, 2022, the NC Department of Health and Human Services ESG Office, the NC Coalition to End Homelessness, and the NC Housing Coalition are calling for presentation proposals.

Presentations will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long and include interactive components including 10-15 minutes of Q&A or discussion. Presentations could be chosen as stand-alone sessions or chosen as a part of a panel. At this time, we are planning a fully virtual conference that will take place remotely. Please note that presentations need to include one or more of the topics of interest listed.

# Statement of Timeliness and Inclusion

The landscape of homeless services has changed in the wake of COVID-19. While not every proposal needs to make COVID-19 the focus of the presentation, we ask that all proposals take the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on their topic into consideration. Presenters for all sessions should be prepared to answer audience questions about ongoing COVID-19 impacts.

The Bringing It Home Conference Committee believes that inclusion is a critical part of developing and providing best practice homeless services. For this reason, we are intentional that the conference reflects the diversity of homeless service networks in regard to race, ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexuality, age, education, ability, and lived experience with homelessness. We also ask that all proposals consider an equity and diversity perspective on their topic.

# Compensation

All session speakers will be compensated with a complimentary conference registration and $200 per 1.25 hours of session time. Speakers may be invited to participate in an additional virtual speaker Q&A session, for which they will be compensated an additional $100. Speakers will contract with and receive compensation from the North Carolina Housing Coalition.

# Submission

In order for your presentation to be considered, please submit your proposal by November 18, 2022. Please submit one proposal for each presentation you are proposing by [following this link](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/327d991f08f3432ea472883a8b584a19).

Partners anticipate making decisions about presentations in January.

If you have questions about this call for proposals, please contact Alissa Pritchett at the NC ESG Office at [alissa.pritchett@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:alissa.pritchett@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919-855-4991.

# Topics of Interest

Please review the following topics of interest to inform your proposal. Any topic should be inclusive of diversity, inclusion, and equity. All proposals should include at least one of the topics below:

**Lowering Barriers to Shelter***Examples*: How to identify barriers to shelter, implementing common practices, experiences with lowering barriers, barriers to staying in shelter

**Best Practices in Coordinated Entry***Examples*: Using practices in case conference to expand the scope of housing resources, how to keep people from being on a waiting list with no resources or services

**Best Practices in Rapid Rehousing***Examples*: Progressive engagement in rapid rehousing, outreach to specific populations (BIPOC, LGBTQ, etc.), lowering barriers in rapid rehousing

**Landlord Engagement***Examples*: Community-based landlord engagement, creative ways to engage landlords, how to use different funding sources to incentivize landlords, landlord engagement during COVID, landlord engagement in rural areas

**Best Practices and Innovation in Prevention, Diversion, and Return Prevention***Examples*: How to effectively use assessments, identifying appropriate funding sources, how to identify and serve those at imminent risk of homelessness

**Innovations in Using Data as a Program and/or System**  
Effectively using data to inform the decisions that drive homeless services programs, data from intersecting sectors, how programs and communities use data

**Trauma-Informed System and Program Design***Examples*: Defining trauma-informed care, intersections of homelessness with experiences of violence, violence prevention in homelessness services

**Connecting domestic violence survivors to housing**  
*Examples*: Unique needs of domestic violence survivors, connecting survivors with domestic violence resources, partnering with domestic violence services

**Including People with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Evaluation and Governance**   
*Examples*: Experiences incorporating lived experiences into evaluation and governance, meaningfully engaging people with lived experience to drive systems change

**Innovative Partnerships with Community Systems**  
*Examples*: Developing funding partners to sustain programs, partnering with health care systems, partnering with workforce development systems, experiences partnering with community systems

**Addressing the needs of unaccompanied youth and children experiencing homelessness**   
*Example*: Keeping youth and child providers engaged with housing and homeless services, what we can learn from child services, how to make shelters more welcoming, innovations in youth programming

**Street outreach***Examples*: How to do street outreach consistently without dedicated funding, scaling up street outreach, street outreach in rural communities

**How do you help people increase their income?***Examples*: Finding employment, navigating benefits, other ways to increase income, partnering with workforce development

**Self-care and retention for service providers***Examples*: Creating an atmosphere that supports direct services staff, promoting mental health and resiliency among staff, recruiting and retaining staff

**Shared housing**  
*Examples*: Basics of shared housing, successful implementation of shared housingContact Person for Presentation

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# Presenter(s) Information

Please list all presenters who are a part of this proposal.

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| Presenter 2 | |
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| Presenter 4 | |
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# Presentation Information

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| Presentation Title: |
| How has this topic made an impact on your community? Why is it important for others to know about? What is the potential for replication?:  Enter Response Here- Maximum 3000 Characters |
| This topic is applicable to: Rural Communities Urban Communities Both Rural and Urban |
| Estimated Length of Presentation (minutes): |
| What interactive components do you plan to include in your presentation?:  Enter Response Here- Maximum 3000 Characters |
| Are you interested in participating in a virtual speaker Q&A session?:  Yes  No |

# Presenters are encouraged to include supporting data and documentation for their topics with their proposal submission.

# Topics of Interest

This presentation will include the following topics of interest:

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| Lowering Barriers to Shelter | Connecting Domestic Violence Survivors to Housing |
| Best Practices in Coordinated Entry | Including People with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Evaluation and Governance |
| Best Practices in Rapid Rehousing | Innovative Partnerships with Community Systems |
| Landlord Engagement | Addressing the Needs of Unaccompanied Youth and Children Experiencing Homelessness |
| Best Practices and Innovation in Prevention, Diversion, and Return Prevention | Street Outreach |
| Innovations in Using Data as a Program and/or System | Helping People Increase Their Income |
| Trauma-Informed System and Program Design | Self-care and retention for service providers |
| Shared housing |  |