

Annual DoD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference

Back to Basics: Enhancing the Well-Being of our Service Members, Veterans and their Families

**June 20-22, 2012
Renaissance Hotel
Washington, D.C.**

The services and the VA have found that a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention which includes leadership, peer involvement and appropriate clinical care when needed, are vital to success. 'Back to Basics' emphasizes the value of and appreciation for good order, disciplined practices, strong clinical skills and service accountability. By reinforcing the basic skills in suicide prevention training, leaders at all levels and in multiple settings can better support the force and enhance the quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families.

Conference is presented by the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury and the Department of Veterans Affairs

Call for Poster Abstracts

Deadline for Submissions: Feb. 2, 2012

Who and What

We invite researchers, clinicians and other individuals to submit abstracts on ongoing research, clinical or other projects, including descriptive projects. Data collection may be in process.

Focus

Submissions should align with the three conference tracks.

- 1) **Clinical.** Practical solutions for applying evidence-based assessment, management and treatment approaches in clinical settings.
- 2) **Research.** Identify and interpret suicide risk and protective factors based on the latest evidence from research being conducted in the Defense Department and VA.
- 3) **Practical Application.** Identify and build cooperative opportunities between and within the Defense Department, VA and the community at large to assist in implementing and making available effective suicide prevention strategies.

Priority will be given to quality proposals that address one of the three tracks.

Content

Abstracts for research projects should include a research design and outcome data. Clinical projects should have at least one year of data and involve multiple sites. All other projects should include evaluation data and demonstrate a change in practice and/or outcomes. Posters will be on display for one 60-minute staffed session.

Format

Abstracts should be formatted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Saved as a Word document
- Not to exceed 250 words

- Times New Roman, font size 12, with one-inch page margins
- Provide names of authors: last name followed by first and then list of degrees. The first author listed will be considered the presenter unless otherwise noted.
- Provide affiliations of all authors
- Provide complete contact information of the first author, including name, mailing address, phone number and email address

Submission Guidelines

Please submit abstracts to SuicidePreventionConference@gmail.com by Feb. 2, 2012. Please attach the abstract to the email.

Review process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the abstract committee and will be evaluated on quality, design and methodology and relevance to the conference theme. Acceptance and rejection notifications will be sent no later than Apr. 6, 2012.

Travel Costs

Authors whose abstracts are accepted must work with their facility or network to secure funding for their travel expenses. *No funding for travel is available through the Employee Education System.*

For more information about the poster submissions, please contact Krista Stephenson at SuicidePreventionConference@gmail.com

Sample template – Abstract submission

Title of Abstract	
Author Names	Last name followed by first and then degrees. The first author will be considered the presenter unless otherwise noted. (e.g., Jones, Robert, Ph.D.)
Affiliation	
Contact Information	Name, Organization, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Email Address
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