

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



2008 Conference on Aging

Tuesday, October 28 – Thursday, October 30, 2008

Water's Edge Resort & Spa
Westbrook, Connecticut

Senior Resources – Agency on Aging is accepting workshop proposals for our **Aging is Changing!** Conference, October 28 – 30, 2008, held at the Water's Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook, CT.

We are proud to offer **Aging is Changing!** in partnership with:

*Administration on Aging/ United States
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Connecticut Department of Social Services
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Social Workers – CT*

Aging is Changing! will welcome 300 attendees across the greater New England and mid-Atlantic states region. The conference includes an exhibit hall open to the public. The focus of **Aging is Changing!** is raising awareness on pertinent aging issues (i.e. elder abuse, work force development, rural needs, assistive technology, civic engagement).

The purpose of the conference is to educate and promote awareness of available resources, trends, policies and advances in technology that impacts the aging community.

Further, participants will be able to define and describe at least four current and emerging issues affecting the aging population, their families and care providers. Participants will be able to articulate how aging is changing as developmental, social and cultural processes.

Participants will be able to describe at least two possible strategies or interventions that are relevant to their population and improve their own system of service delivery.

We are seeking outstanding educational sessions: fresh, innovative ideas and presentations to make **Aging is Changing!** a great success. This is a stellar opportunity to showcase your programs and replicable projects; present a forum for advocacy and policy discussion and shine as a prime source of information!



(A) Proposal Cover Letter

DEADLINE: SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2008

Title of Proposed Presentation: _____

Length of Proposed Presentation: ___1 hour 20 minutes ___2 hours 40 minutes

Audio/visual equipment required for the presentation: (Rental cost at presenter expense)

Type of Presentation Proposed:
___ presentation ___ workshop ___ intensive ___ poster ___ roundtable

Special room set up:
(Please indicate if participants will need space to move around, and if a specific seating arrangement is required.)

Format of Presentation: ___educational ___empirical _____other, explain

Content of the presentation: ___ theory ___clinical ___research _____other, explain

Identify learning objective(s): _____



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(B) Proposal Contact Information

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Names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, and bios for all presenters:

Lead presenter: Person who will receive communication from Senior Resources and share it

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Professional Credentials: _____

Job Title: _____

Place of employment: _____ Non-Profit For-Profit

Second presenter:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Professional Credentials: _____

Job Title: _____

Place of employment: _____ Non-Profit For-Profit

Third presenter:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Professional Credentials: _____

Job Title: _____

Place of employment: _____ Non-Profit For-Profit

Biography: Attach a description of EACH presenter's professional experience, including relevant publications, memberships and/or organizations and area(s) of expertise – no more than 100 words.

Please use additional paper as necessary.



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(D) Proposal Categories

INTENSIVE SESSIONS:

These sessions are 2 hours and 40 minutes in length; can be interactive and offer substantial take-home resources. Five intensives are offered. You may choose to conduct your session as a plenary, symposium, small groups or other suitable format. If you choose a presentation team approach, you are responsible for assembling the entire presentation team.

- Aging and Disabilities
- Caregiving
- Challenges of Aging
- Healthy Aging & Health Care Coverage
- Senior Centers

Other topics may be proposed.

TRACKS:

Workshops are either 1 hour and 20 minutes or 2 hours and 40 minutes in length. All tracks will be offered each day. Highlighted tracks are:

Home and Community-Based Services:

(suggested topics may include Aging in Place, Housing and Transportation)

Emerging Issues and Challenges:

(suggested topics may include Assistive Technology, Business and Aging, Elder Abuse)

Caregiving:

(suggested topics may include Caregiving in the Workplace, Long Distance Caregiving and Kinship care)

Health:

(suggested topics may include Medicines and Aging, Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Health Promotion/Wellness and Functional Ability/Rehabilitation)

Advocacy and Leadership:

(suggested topics may include Aging Network, Culture Changes, Civic Engagement and Marketing)

Public Policy:

(suggested topics may include State, Federal, and Demographics of Aging)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

This is a silent display. This format is designed to inform conference participants about best practices and research by highlighting effective programs and practices. Poster presentations will be hosted throughout the conference center. If selected for presentation, we require that posters be set up prior to the Welcome and Conference Overview on the first day. Each poster presentation will be assigned one side of a 4' x 8' corkboard display.

If you choose this format, include a picture of the proposed poster with your abstract.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Round table discussions are 1 hour and 45 minutes in length. Nine round table discussions will be scheduled. This format features 1 – 4 panelists who engage in a moderated discussion of emerging and/or persistent issues. The panelists should represent diverse views of the topic. The moderator plays a very active role, asking questions of panelists and ensuring all panelists opportunity to speak. Panel discussions should generate spontaneous interaction among panelists and the audience.

If you choose this format, you are responsible for choosing the topic, moderator, and panelists. The proposal should describe the questions that will be addressed by the panel, the underlying issues or themes to be discussed, and any modifications to the structure of the session.

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(E) Guidelines for Submitting Proposals

Please submit one (1) copy of (A) Cover letter, (B) Presenter's Biography, (C) Proposal Abstracts. All submissions must be mailed to Senior Resources-Agency on Aging (address below) or submitted electronically to agingischanging@seniorresourcesec.org. Proposal deadline is Friday, April 18, 2008.

(A) Proposal Cover Letter:

Attach a cover letter that includes the following:

- Title of proposed presentation
- Length of proposed presentation (*1 hour and 20 minutes or 2 hours and 40 minutes*)
- Audio/visual equipment required for the presentation and /or special room set up.
- Audio/visual expenses will be the responsibility of the presenter.
- Format of the presentation (*i.e. educational, empirical*)
- Content of presentation (*i.e. theory, clinical, research*)
- Identify learning objectives
- Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of all presenters. Please put the lead presenter's name first and include a listing for the conference brochure of professional credentials, job title and place of employment for each presenter.

(B) Presenters' Biography:

Attach a description of your professional experience; include current title and affiliation, relevant publications, memberships and/or organizations and area(s) of expertise – no more than 100 words.

(C) Proposal Abstracts:

Attach a description of the presentation that includes the following:

- Abstract describing the major ideas, themes and aims of the presentation – no more than 500 words
- A brief summary abstract of the presentation for inclusion in the Conference Brochure – no more than 50 words

To protect anonymity in the decision making process, no personal identifying information should be included in the proposal. (Names should be listed on the cover page only.)

Submissions must be received by April 18, 2008.

To receive an email confirmation of your submission, please include the email address of lead presenter. Keep this confirmation in your files. You will be notified by the end of April 2008 of the status of your submission. No additional presenters may be added after the proposal is accepted.

All confirmed presenters must register to attend the conference by May 30, 2008. Presenters are entitled to the early bird registration rate of \$149 or a special one-day rate of \$89. For more information, please go to our website: agingischanging@seniorresourcesec.org or call 860-887-3561.

CEU's may be awarded for your presentation based upon compliance of NASW-CT standards.

DISCLAIMER: Senior Resources-Agency on Aging reserves the right to reject proposals or displays of information which do not seem appropriate to the purposes of our organization. We reserve the right to edit as we deem appropriate.

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Send proposals to:

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