Kentucky’s 8th Annual System of Care Academy
Virtual Event June 8-10, 2021
Collaboration: Better Together

Call for Presentations

Submission Deadline: February 3, 2021
Acceptance Notification: February 26, 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a significant physical and psychological toll on Kentucky’s children, youth, and families. The long-term impacts are yet unknown. Building and enhancing the system of care to address emergent and acute behavioral health conditions as well as taking preventative action to avert future psychological distress is more critical now than ever. Our system of care must respond. We must build our collective resilience - we are better together!

The System of Care Academy Planning Committee invites submissions of presentation proposals for Kentucky’s eighth annual System of Care Academy. The 2021 Academy attendees will include primary care providers, clinicians, prevention specialists, educators, child care providers, Family Resource & Youth Services Centers staff, juvenile justice staff, family and juvenile services staff, community-based services staff, child welfare staff, public health staff, families, youth, interested community members, and people with lived experience.

To ensure diverse representation, we invite individuals and organizations from a variety of settings – including academia, non-profit, private sector, government agencies, healthcare systems, and provider agencies – to submit proposals for presentations focused on improving the system of care, improving policies, workforce development, original research or significant accomplishments in the field, including new frameworks, conceptual models, and methodological approaches.

Submission Categories
Submission categories include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Addictions and Co-occurring Disorders
- Children, Adolescents, and Transition-age Youth
- Youth- & Family-Driven
- Collaboration
- Research-based Innovations in Access, Programs, and Practices
- Juvenile Justice
- Engaging Fathers
- Incarcerated Family Members
- Crisis Services
- Technology and Social Media
- Prevention
- Peer Support
- Recovery Services
- Strategic Initiatives that Motivate Staff and Better Serve Families
- Social Determinants and Population Health
- Underserved Communities, Diversity, and Racial Equity
- Federal, State, and Local Policy Initiatives
- Special Populations, including Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Transition-age Youth and LGTBQI
- Trauma-informed Care
- Staff, Management, and Leadership
- Building Resilience and Protective Factors
Selection Criteria

The planning committee will review proposals using the following criteria:

* Topic and objectives support and reflect SOC values and principles (see page 3)
  - Session content is unique and exciting and reflects our dynamic community
  - Topics are relevant and will be of great interest and benefit to attendees
  - Sessions are designed with clear, measurable, and achievable learning objectives leading to strong outcomes
  - Attendees are inspired to return to their community and implement what they have learned

Note: The planning committee reserves the right to edit session titles and descriptions.

Application and Notification Process

1. Proposals must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on February 3, 2021, using this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SOCA

2. Also by this date, each presenter must submit a resume or CV to https://www.dropbox.com/request/MeqNdSmbYlh9dqtKYkI

3. Participants will be notified via email no later than February 26, 2021, as to whether the proposal has been selected.

Note: The planning committee will rely exclusively on email communications. It is the responsibility of the lead presenter to contact Lea.Taylor@ky.gov in the event of failure to receive email communication as well as to relay all correspondence about the presentation to all co-presenters. Please check your bulk/junk mail folders to ensure emails from Lea.Taylor@ky.gov are not being filtered out of your inbox.

Presenter Information

* Presenters will be compensated with a free Academy registration for the date of their session. Presenters have the option of registering for additional Academy dates at their own cost. If your session has more than three presenters, please note that only three presenters will receive free registration.
* The System of Care Academy does not provide honoraria for presenters.
* Presentation material can be added to the Academy website or app by submitting to Lea.Taylor@ky.gov.
* SOC Academy staff will host and assist with technology in each virtual room.

Questions

For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Presentations, please email Lea.Taylor@ky.gov. Find more information about the System of Care Academy at http://www.systemofcareacademy.eku.edu/.

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System of Care (SOC) is defined as "a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth with or at risk for behavioral health or other challenges and their families, that is organized into a coordinated network, builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth, and addresses their cultural and linguistic needs, in order to help them to function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life."

The Core Values support all SOC efforts in being youth- and family-driven; community-based; culturally- and linguistically-responsive; and trauma-informed.

The Guiding Principles of the SOC support children, youth, and families in having access to:

- A comprehensive array of effective, community-based services and supports.
- A service planning process that is strength-based and individualized.
- Evidence-informed and promising practices.
- Services and supports that are delivered in the least restrictive, most normative environments possible.
- Partnerships with families and youth.
- Effective care management supports.
- Developmentally appropriate services.
- A continuum of behavioral health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, and recovery services and supports.
- A system that supports provider accountability and quality improvement tracking.
- Protection of their rights.
- Services and supports that are provided without discrimination.

*Adapted from Stroul, B., Blau, G., and Friedman, R., 2010.*