



We are excited to announce we are accepting abstracts for the 2019 Transforming Care Conference between April 3, 2019 and May 12, 2019. Transforming Care has come to be known as the most comprehensive conference on LGBTQ+ HIV health equity in the country. Conference participants tell us that what makes TCC so transformative is the mix of people—researchers, practitioners, activists, community members all broadening each other’s perspectives. This year’s TCC theme will be ***Discover Differences, Break Barriers, Reduce Disparities***.

When we seek health care, or counseling, or support services, we do so as whole beings. We do not bring only the sick part of ourselves, or the queer part of ourselves, the trans part, or the Black part. We do not leave behind the part that relies on faith, or has never been able to afford healthcare, or thinks most clearly in Spanish. We cannot stop being the person who seeks joy, and pleasure, and peace of mind. To ask us to do so is to provide us inadequate care.

This year’s conference theme—***Discover Differences, Break Barriers, Reduce Disparities***—will focus on reducing health disparities by creating medical and behavioral health settings that are radically inclusive of those most in need of services. Workshops and plenary addresses will center the experiences of patients and clients and amplify those voices typically marginalized in healthcare forums.

We seek proposals presented by and geared toward medical providers, mental health providers, social workers, activists, researchers, people living with HIV, and/or LGBTQ+ community members. Proposals should be interactive, engaging, and relevant to the learning objectives and theme of the conference. We welcome a variety of proposal types, including oral presentations, workshops, panels, posters, and holistic health activities. Proposals may be submitted by individuals or groups and we value both professional and lived experience. The Transforming Care Conference is committed to uplifting the voices of individuals and communities with marginalized identities. We especially encourage abstract submissions from people living with HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ+ folks, people of color, people with disabilities, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, people who are undocumented, youth and elders, women; people experiencing poverty, and others with marginalized identities. We are looking for proposals that will:

- Go beyond a PowerPoint presentation and get conference attendees actively engaged
- Boost the energy of conference attendees
- Break down barriers and promote collaboration
- Highlight new or innovative work
- Create a positive and safe learning experience

For individuals requiring assistance with the creation and submission of an abstract, the Abstract Committee is more than happy to offer support and mentorship. We will offer two **Submission Assistance Sessions** (Tuesday April 30th, 12pm-1pm EST and Tuesday, April 30th 7pm-8pm EST at (515) 604-9300, participant code #980160). Individual mentors are also available, please contact us at transformingcare@equitashealth.com for more information.

Note: Presentations may be presented in other settings prior to or after the Transforming Care Conference.



CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this conference participants will be able to:

- Identify the differences and challenges of providing nuanced HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ+ centered care that is relevant and accessible to each patient's/client's race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, age, ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.
- Develop skills to increase positive health outcomes in LGBTQ+/PLWH of all races, ethnicities, classes, spiritualities, ages, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.
- Implement inclusive practices to eliminate or reduce health disparities in the LGBTQ+ and PLWH communities.

IDENTIFIED AREAS OF EMPHASIS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The mission of the Transforming Care Conference is to reduce health disparities and increase quality of living among all LGBTQ+ folks and people living with HIV. To that end, we are committed to providing a broad range of workshops that address the gaps in health and social service provision, which underscore intersecting health disparities based on race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and age. Please review the following areas of emphasis as you develop your proposal.

Healthcare at the Intersection of Race, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that center the experience of LGBTQ+ people of color in traditional and non-traditional healthcare, wellness, prevention, and social service settings; explore barriers to effective and meaningful service; or hold up culturally relevant approaches to care. We also welcome proposals that reframe health and wellness from Black and Brown perspectives.

More than a Spectrum: A Deeper Look into LGBTQ+ Communities

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that examine the variety of experiences within the LGBTQ+ "spectrum," and allow participants to identify implicit biases and learn more deeply about various identities. We also welcome proposals that address the provision of culturally humble care to specific sexual orientations or gender identities.

Health, Wellness, and Poverty

We know that LGBTQ+ and/or PLWH folks experience housing, income, and food insecurity at disproportionate rates. We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that center the experience of LGBTQ+ people and/or PLWH living in poverty; address the health, wellness, and prevention implications of those experiences; or suggest implications for providers. We also welcome proposals that reframe health and wellness from poor and working class perspectives.

Living with Disability. Worthy of Health.

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that tell the story of health and wellness from perspectives of LGBTQ+ folks living with physical disabilities, mental illness, HIV and other chronic conditions. We also welcome proposals that identify and address common financial, structural, and programmatic barriers to care for people living with disabilities.



The Race and Class of HIV

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that center Black and Brown narratives of HIV transmission, treatment, and living; address race and class inequities in delivery of HIV prevention, treatment, and support services; or highlight culturally relevant prevention, treatment, and support efforts.

Translation and Interpretation in Health and Wellness Settings

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that explore strategies for translation and interpretation in the provision of healthcare and social services. We also welcome proposals that center the healthcare experiences of people whose first language is not English.

Young and Queer

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that address the specific physical and mental health needs of LGBTQ+ youth; center LGBTQ+ youth experiences; or highlight innovative approaches to promoting LGBTQ+ youth health and wellness including prevention strategies. We also welcome proposals that examine the needs of parents and members of young people's support networks. We also welcome proposals that reframe health and wellness from youth perspectives.

Lifelong Wellness

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that address the specific physical and mental health needs of aging LGBTQ+ folks and people living with HIV; center the experiences of LGBTQ+/PLWH elders; or highlight innovative approaches to promoting health and wellness among aging LGBTQ+ folks and people living with HIV. We also welcome proposals that reframe health and wellness from aging perspectives.

Spirituality and the Medical Model

We seek proposals for workshops/presentations/panels that shed light on the role of spirituality in wellness and healing; examine the points of friction between medical and mental health care provision and spirituality; identify opportunities for providers to make room for (but not assume) patient/client spirituality in wellness and healing.

Trauma and Self Care

We know that healthcare and social services providers, activists, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people living with HIV experience high rates of trauma, and we recognize that self-care is essential in order to maintain balance. We welcome proposals for experiential holistic health workshops that directly engage conference participants in holistic wellness and healing practices.



PROPOSAL SCORING CRITERIA

Proposals will be scored on the following criteria:

- Relevance to conference theme and area of emphasis
- Relevance to HIV/AIDS or LGBTQ+ care
- Addresses current issues
- Innovation, creativity, novelty
- Based on research, best practices, and/or lived experience
- Proposal format
- Participant learning objectives
- Presentation delivery method
- Appropriateness for audience
- Presenter's competence and experience in HIV/AIDS or LGBTQ+ care
- Presenter's competence and experience in addressing intersecting social determinants of health

Proposals for **Trauma and Self Care** will be scored on the following criteria:

- Activity teaches or guides participants through a wellness activity
- Feasibility (i.e. time requirements, space needs, quiet environment, materials needed)
- Includes adaptations or assistance
- Presenter's qualifications and experience

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

If you would like assistance developing your proposal or creating learning objectives, we are happy to connect you with a conference mentor and you are encouraged to participate in one or both of the Submission Assistance Sessions. For more details, please contact us at transformingcare@equitashealth.com.

- Proposals must be submitted through the Transforming Care Conference website
- Proposals must be submitted by 11:59PM, May 12th, 2019
- Proposals with incomplete or missing information will not be reviewed
- Proposal abstracts must not exceed 500 words
- Notification of proposal acceptance will occur in late-June.

Please submit your proposal at this link:

tinyurl.com/TCCAbstractSubmission