From Dawn to Dusk: Transformation in Perinatal Bereavement

Call for Proposals

The 20th Biennial International Perinatal Bereavement Conference

Sponsored by Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance (PLIDA)

September 28 - October 1, 2016
Phoenix, AZ

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
July 1, 2015
You Are Invited... to share your evidence-based clinical practice, research, and experiential opportunities with an interprofessional audience. Attendees will include researchers, educators, parent advocates, and clinicians (e.g., nurses, social workers, chaplains, physicians, genetic counselors, mental health providers, child life specialists) whose work involves women and families experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth, newborn and infant death, and babies diagnosed during the mother’s pregnancy with a life-threatening condition.

The Conference Planning Committee is seeking submissions for concurrent session presentations and posters that reflect the theme of Transformation in perinatal bereavement. Submissions should focus on one or more of these areas: clinical practice, research, education, and/or advocacy.

Submission Instructions
You will submit your proposal for the International Perinatal Bereavement Conference electronically to proposals@plida.org. Submission instructions for concurrent sessions: see page 4. Submission instructions for poster presentations: see page 5. All submissions will be acknowledged by email. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

Review Criteria: Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Conference Planning Committee using these criteria:
• Topic is innovative and relevant to perinatal bereavement care.
• Submission is directly linked to one or more of these areas: clinical practice, research, education, and/or advocacy. *Please clearly identify which of these four areas your submission addresses.
• Time allocation and presentation content are well organized
• Presenter has appropriate and relevant presentation experience.
• Learning objectives are measurable, following instructions provided.
• Participants are likely to have significant interest in the session.

Concurrent Session Presentations
All concurrent sessions will be 60 minutes. Presenters should provide at least 5 minutes for discussion and questions. Presentations will be scheduled on either Thursday, September 29 or Friday, September 30, 2016. We are unable to accommodate specific requests for presentation scheduling, so presenters must be available on either date. Conference planners expect session presenters to attend the full conference.
Topics of Interest
Conference planners encourage proposals on the following topics:
• Integration of evidence-based practices
• Growth and transformation
• Stillbirth and newborn death
• Miscarriage care across the health care system
• Bereavement care models
• The grief of children, grandparents, and other family members
• Mindfulness and meditation
• Developing a reflective practice
• Perinatal palliative care
• Genetics and genomics in perinatal care
• Cultural responses to pregnancy loss and infant death
• Ritual, suffering, and hope
• Ethical issues and decision making
• Managerial, leadership, administrative roles in bereavement programs
• Parent support activities (e.g., support groups or blogging)
• Mentoring relationships in perinatal bereavement
• Collaborative care models
• Spiritual care
• Self-care, caregiver grief or suffering in perinatal care, moral distress
• Quality, safety, and quality measures
• Traumatic bereavement
• Current theories, models, and concepts

Poster Presentations
Poster presentations are designed for those projects and interests that can be effectively displayed in a visual format aided by appropriate handouts and personal interaction with the presenter. Presenters are expected to be at their posters and available for questions during specified times.

Areas of emphasis: Reviewers will select poster topics that relate to the conference theme of transformation in perinatal bereavement and/or that feature innovative research and programs (see preceding list of potential topics). Please specify the conference area (clinical practice, research, education, advocacy) that best corresponds to your poster. Please submit proposals via e-mail to proposals@plida.org.

Notification of decisions: Those who submit proposals will receive email notification of the reviewers’ decision by September 15, 2015. Those selected to present a concurrent or poster session will receive a contract and presenter information packet. Concurrent presenters are provided a $50 reduction in the cost of registration. PLIDA does not reimburse travel, lodging, or other expenses.

Concurrent session presenters: Each room will be equipped with standard audiovisual equipment (laptop, projector, and microphone). The presenter will be responsible for the cost of any additional or alternative equipment.

Poster presenters: Movable boards that accommodate a 4-feet by 8-feet laminated poster will be provided.
Call for Concurrent Session Proposals: Submission Instructions

In order to assist in the processing of proposals and to meet the requirements for awarding continuing education credits, submissions must include the following information.

Completion of an Educational Planning Table, which includes the following:

- A Title for the presentation that reflects the topic or content (20 words or less). Be certain that your title clearly reflects your content.
- A Description of the presentation’s content (maximum of 75 words)
  - At least two and no more than three behavioral learning objectives
    - Behavioral objectives are measurable.
    - They are written from the perspective of the learner (e.g., “As a result of attending this presentation, the participant will be able to describe, discuss, define, or list…”).
    - Avoid verbs such as “understand” and “know.”
  - Content outline for each objective
  - Time frame for each objective
  - Teaching/learning strategy for each objective (e.g. lecture with PowerPoint, lecture/discussion, handouts, experiential, demonstration, panel, or other—please describe)
  - Who will present
  - Presentation level (basic, intermediate, advanced)

- In addition, Research submissions should use these sub-headings as part of the outline:
  - Objectives
  - Background
  - Design and methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
  - Clinical implications
  - Suggestions for future research

- Clinical Practice, Education, or Advocacy submissions must include these sub-headings in the outline:
  - Background
  - Description of the practice, innovation, or program (e.g., unique elements)
  - Evaluation data (if available)

Completion of a Biographical Data and Conflict of Interest form for each speaker (both forms are provided and are part of the same document)

- 5 or more current references (three must be from 2011 or later)

Conference planners will not review incomplete, incorrect, or late submissions.
Call for Poster Presentations: Submission Instructions

In order to assist in the processing of proposals, poster submissions must include the following.

Please select the type of poster you will present:

_____ Innovative Program Poster: Include objectives, background information, description and evaluation.

_____ Research Poster: Include objectives, introduction, design and methods, results, and conclusions.

Please submit a 1-page proposal for your poster presentation. In addition to a brief description of each of the headings listed above, include the title of the poster, name, and detailed contact information for each author. The principal author must provide an email address.

Conference planners will not review incomplete, incorrect, or late submissions.

Please note: To provide the best conference experience possible for attendees, we require handouts--posted on the conference website--for each presentation. The due date for handouts is September 9, 2016. Handouts that are not received by the due date will not be posted and available to participants.

Required Continuing Education Documents: Submission Instructions

The Educational Planning Table and the Biographical Data/Conflict of Interest, which you will use to submit your concurrent session proposal, are required to award continuing education credit to nurses, social workers, and chaplains. We appreciate your assistance in maintaining records as prescribed by the Wisconsin Nurses Association-Continuing Education Approval Program (WNA-CEAP) and other continuing education providers.

These continuing education documents are not submitted with poster presentation proposals.

Thank you for your submission!