

3rd Annual Conference | May 11-14, 2010

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS & POSTERS

We are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Conference, May 11-14, 2010 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. This unique three-day gathering brings together CIAV organizations, federal agencies, community nonprofits, funders, subject matter experts, concerned citizens, and others to share information and build a strong nationwide network of care for our military, veterans, families and survivors. We aim to have full representation at the conference to provide the most up-to-date research, government and community partnerships, innovation, and best practices in non-profit military and veteran services.

We invite submissions of abstracts for oral presentations, posters, and interactive workshops at the conference. The number of oral presentations is limited and highly competitive. The number of workshop presentations is also limited, and a poster session is also being planned. Applications and instructions can be downloaded at www.CoalitionforVeterans.org.

Priority will be given to quality proposals that address topics of particular interest and scope pertaining to the military and veteran community and the mission of the CIAV. *Examples of possible topics may include (but are not limited to):* Community and Rural Mental Healthcare, Traumatic Stress (combat, MST) and PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Primary Care Mental Health Integration and Access, Gender-specific Treatment, Incarceration Diversion/Community Re-entry, Domestic Violence Reduction and Prevention, Suicide Risk Reduction and Prevention, Family and Community Reintegration, Mental Health for Surviving Loved Ones, OEF/OIF Veterans and Homelessness, Education, Economic Health, Employment and Training, Access to Benefits, Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Programs, Program Sustainability, Public/Private/Community Partnerships, Transforming Research into Clinical Practice, Program Evaluation and Metrics.

Oral presentations may include research studies, clinical demonstration projects, evidence-based practices, or educational interventions. Abstracts based on research projects should include a research design and outcome data. Priority is given to original research that has not been presented elsewhere. Workshops are intended to provide practical, concrete, and experiential solutions to serving the military and veteran community. The format is less formal and more interactive. Workshop abstracts should include concrete examples, "how to" steps, lessons learned, handouts, and a list of the discussants and their locations. Poster projects are research, clinical, evidence-based practices, or innovative projects including those that are in progress or represent small pilots.

Please submit the application form to Mary Moran, CIAV at mmoran@stp-sf.org by close of business February 21, 2010. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Abstracts will be reviewed by the CIAV planning committee. The Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans will not be responsible for travel or hotel accommodations but will provide meals the day of your presentation or poster session.