

Calgary: Call for Proposals, ENG version

The 2025 CCPA Conference will be held from May 30 to June 1, 2025, and the pre-conference on May 29, 2025, at The Westin Calgary, Calgary, AB.

CCPA is going to celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2025!

Join us for our annual conference, where we will showcase 60 years of accomplishments, celebrate our members, and highlight why CCPA is so important to the mental health field in Canada.

Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh'kinsstis/ Calgary (please translate word) as the traditional territory of the Nitsitapi/ Blackfoot people who include Ahpohtsii Piikani, Amskapii Piikani, Siksika, and Kainai. Calgary is settled in Treaty Seven territory which includes the Blackfoot nations, the Stoney Nakoda nations (name the three) and the Tsuutina (Dene) Nation. Calgary is home to the Metis Region Three Office. We acknowledge we are all Treaty people responsible for the obligations set out by the Crown, we also acknowledge all the Indigenous and settlers who live, work and play on these lands to honour and celebrate this territory and its rich history.

Call for proposals

Instructions for submissions

1. **Proposals must be received by Friday, November 8, 2024.** Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

2. A confirmation of receipt of the proposal will be sent to the email address for the contact person listed on the application form.
3. All workshops for the conference will be 90 minutes. The pre-conference sessions are either 3 hours (half-day) or 6 hours (full day).
4. All speakers must present in-person and be available to be scheduled from **May 29 to June 1, 2025, for the conference and on May 29 for the pre-conference.**
5. Presenters must register for the conference, and presenters receive a 10% discount code off their registration. For the pre-conference, there is no registration fee for presenters.
6. Several workshops will be recorded to provide access to people who cannot attend in person. For this reason, openness to being recorded will be considered when reviewing and selecting proposals.
7. For submissions with more than one presenter, all communication will be sent to the main contact person identified on the proposal (usually the person who submits the proposal).
8. By submitting a presentation proposal, it is understood that the presenter(s) agree to be part of an evaluation process that asks conference participants to evaluate each session they attend.
9. The Program Committee reserves the right to make final presentation selections. Presenters will be notified of final acceptance and regrets via e-mail to the main contact person.
10. By submitting a presentation proposal, it is understood that the presenter(s) agree(s) to present and to participate as proposed, if accepted, and recorded if applicable.
11. Write an accurate program description, as you want it to appear in the final program. Once a submission is received and reviewed, the description can't be changed significantly. The Program Committee reserves the right to edit abstracts.
12. Organizers encourage the submission of presentation proposals in either official language. Sessions can be offered in French or English. A limited number of sessions will be translated simultaneously. The Program Committee will select the sessions to be simultaneously translated, and the Event Specialist will contact the presenters for their agreement.
13. Presenters are invited to submit summary reports and copies of their presentations/handouts for possible publication and/or to be posted on the conference website before or after the event.

Application Evaluation Process

Each application will be reviewed and evaluated using the following criteria:

- Completeness and accuracy of the application
- Relevance to the intended conference audience (described below)
- Relevance to mental health initiatives, knowledge, and innovation.
- Language of presentation: Organizers are committed to offering presentation opportunities in both official languages.
- Level of presentation: The organizers encourage presentations aimed at different levels of knowledge: introductory, intermediate, or advanced. The presenter must decide on and indicate the level at which they consider their session to be.
- Style of presentation:
 - **Interactive**, using demonstrations and discussions.
 - **Individual presentation/demonstration**: intended to provide an opportunity for participants to learn about innovative, effective programs and practices related to the various topics listed.
 - **Panel discussion**: intended to target a specific issue or idea. Using a variety of perspectives, the discussion should provide alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on the subject.
 - **Hands-on**: intended to actively engage participants over fifty percent of the session time, dealing with curriculum, best practices, and obtaining new skills.

Intended Audience

It is expected that 300 to 400 participants will attend. Intended audience includes:

- Counsellors, counselling therapists, and psychotherapists
- Educators
- Career practitioners
- Community agencies
- Universities and colleges
- Employment services
- Policy makers

Please share this call for proposals with your colleagues. Thank you for your interest in our conference. We look forward to your submission!