



2026 Conference Call for Proposals

Introduction

You are invited to submit breakout session proposals for Meeting the Moment, the 2026 IACP Annual Conference. Learn more about the event and submission requirements below.

If you have questions after reviewing, please contact Susan Seehase, COO. (sseehase@iowaproviders.org).

The submission deadline is Wednesday, July 1, 1:00 PM CST.

About the Conference

Dates: October 27 through October 29, 2026

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville, IA

Theme: Meeting the Moment

Who Should Submit

IACP welcomes proposals from professionals and partners who support strong organizations and strong outcomes in community-based services, including (but not limited to):

- Executive Directors, CEOs/COOs, and other C-suite leaders (CFO, CHRO, CIO/CTO)
- Therapists/clinicians, clinical supervisors, and care coordinators
- HR/People Ops leaders and training/workforce development teams
- Finance leaders (CFO/controller), billing/revenue cycle, and contracting teams
- Marketing, communications, brand, and community relations professionals
- Compliance leaders, policy writers/analysts, and quality (QA/QI) leaders
- Direct support professionals (DSPs), frontline supervisors, and program staff
- IT leaders, developers/engineers, data/analytics, and cybersecurity/privacy staff
- Fundraisers/development leaders, grant writers, and board members
- Partners: payers, state agencies, vendors, and community collaborators

Session Formats

Standard breakout length: 60-minute sessions. IACP may offer multiple formats; please indicate your preferred format in your submission:

- Breakout presentation (lecture + Q&A)
- Panel discussion (moderated, multi-perspective)
- Workshop (hands-on, tools/templates, skill-building)
- Roundtable (facilitated peer exchange)

- **Case study (what you did, what changed, what you learned)**

Proposal Categories

You will be asked to select the best-fit primary category for your proposal and (optional) up to two secondary categories. Categories help reviewers balance the program and help attendees find sessions aligned to their roles and interests.

- **Executive Strategy, Governance & Change Leadership**
- **Workforce Development: DSPs, Clinical, and Operations Staffing**
- **HR Compliance, Labor Law & Workplace Culture**
- **Finance, Reimbursement & Sustainability (Medicaid/HCBS and Beyond)**
- **Policy, Programs & Systems Transformation**
- **Compliance, Audit Readiness & Documentation**
- **Quality, Outcomes & Continuous Improvement (QA/QI)**
- **Clinical & Service Delivery Innovations (Therapy/Behavioral Health)**
- **Crisis Services, Safety Planning & Community Partnerships**
- **Person-Centered Practices, Self-Direction & Equity**
- **Technology, Data, Privacy & Cybersecurity**
- **Marketing, Communications, Brand & Reputation**
- **Fundraising & Revenue Development**
- **Risk Transfer, Insurance & Organizational Resilience**

Selection Criteria

- **Relevance:** Addresses current challenges and priorities for IACP professionals.
- **Practical value:** Includes actionable strategies, tools, or takeaways participants can apply.
- **Clarity:** Clear description, learning objectives, and intended audience.
- **Credibility:** Presenter expertise and/or evidence, data, or demonstrated results.
- **Engagement:** Interactive design when appropriate (discussion, exercises, case examples).
- **Balance:** Helps create a diverse program across roles, settings, and geographies.

Important Dates (Subject to Change)

- **CFP opens: Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
- **Submission deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 1 pm CST**
- **Notification of acceptance: Tuesday, August 11, 2026**
- **Presenter confirmation deadline: Monday, August 24, 2026**
- **Slides/materials due: Monday, September 21, 2026**

How to Submit

Submit your proposal using this online form. If you have questions, contact: Susan Seehase - sseehase@iowaproviders.org.

Review Process

Proposals will be peer-reviewed by an IACP review committee. Reviewers will consider alignment to the conference theme, relevance to attendee roles, clarity of learning objectives, and practical value. IACP reserves the right to suggest modifications (format, track placement, or presenters) to strengthen program balance.

Policies

- **Program changes:** IACP reserves the right to edit session titles/descriptions for clarity and to modify the schedule as needed.
- **Presenter commitments:** Accepted presenters are expected to deliver the session as described (subject to final confirmation requirements).
- **Use of materials:** Slides and handouts will be made available to conference attendees.

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Additional Information

Our Audience's Needs:

Our attendees are looking for practical sessions that provide actionable knowledge and tools to bring back to their teams and communities. Specifically, they seek:

- Innovative, forward-thinking strategies to deliver the highest quality of services and support for individuals of ALL abilities.
- Proven approaches for navigating the challenges of complex regulations, limited funding, and difficulties in workforce recruitment and retention, and changes in customer needs.

Successful presenters will inspire attendees to:

- Create meaningful, lasting change in collective advocacy efforts.
- Motivate, nurture, and effectively lead their teams.
- Build innovative partnerships for creative problem-solving.
- Strengthen community networks and resources to improve the support and services they provide.

IACP's Favorite Presenters:

- Facilitate sessions that spark thought-provoking discussions.
- Challenge assumptions and stimulate new ways of thinking.
- Share replicable strategies attendees can implement within their own organizations and communities.
- Provide practical tools and resources for immediate use.
- Use data, personal stories, and other evidence to demonstrate real-world success and impact.

Presentation Requirements:

- Must be free of commercial content.
- Must be nonpartisan.
- Standard presentations should fit within a 60-minute breakout session.

Speaker Benefits:

- Recognition as a subject matter expert in the Behavioral Health, Mental Health & Disability field.
- Complimentary registration for the full three-day conference for the primary speaker. Co-presenters can register for the member early-bird rate.
- Inclusion in our website and conference program, distributed to all attendees.
- Networking opportunities with providers and advocates in the



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Breakout Session Proposal Information

Note: All breakout sessions are planned for 60 minutes. Keynote presenters are already scheduled through a separate selection process.

* 1. Lead Presenter Information

Lead Presenter Name

Lead Presenter Job Title

Lead Presenter Email

Lead Presenter Organization/Business Name

Lead Presenter Phone Number

2. Names and emails of co-presenters, if any

* 3. Title of Proposed Presentation

* 4. Select the best-fit primary category for your proposal. You may list (optional) up to two secondary categories.

Additional related categories:

* 5. Presentation Objectives (minimum 3)

* 6. Short presentation description (approx 100 words)

* 7. Why should we pick your presentation?

* 8. Session format description (Lecture, interactive, group activities, etc.)

* 9. Describe how the session fits with the current realities, opportunities, and challenges of the industry. "Is the timing right for this topic?"

* 10. Target Audience

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Certified Behavior Analysts/Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Support Specialists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C-Suite/Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance/Compliance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Services/Assertive Community Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DSPs | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frontline Supervisors | <input type="checkbox"/> All of the Above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 11. Presentation Fee: Are you expecting reimbursement for your presentation?

- Yes (Please enter amount below)
 No

If yes, specific amount:

* 12. Would you be open to transitioning your presentation into a panel discussion?

- Yes
 No



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13. Speaker Bio - Please upload a word or PDF document including the speaker name. This must be included in order for the proposal to be considered.

Choose File

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14. Speaker Photo - Please upload a jpg or png. Be sure to include speaker name in the file name.

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