**CALL FOR WORKSHOPS**

2017 Violence Prevention Conference

**CONFERENCE TITLE:** SafeSummit’17

**DATE:**  June 3, 2017

**LOCATION:** The University Mall

2200 E. Fowler Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33612

**DESCRIPTION:**

On June 3rd, 2017, Safe & Sound Hillsborough will host its inaugural Violence Prevention Conference, appropriately named SafeSummit’17. Located at the University Mall, this event will bring residents from all over Hillsborough County together with community agencies, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, support services, private sector and faith based leaders, with a focus on healing our communities and developing strategies and solutions to prevent violence from spreading in Hillsborough County. Our three main components during this event will be a Reentry Roundtable discussing employment strategies for ex-offenders, a Youth Summit entitled TEENtalk to allow Hillsborough County teens and young adults to speak on issues related to them and how they feel they could contribute to solutions, and a State of Public Health Summit that will address Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Domestic Violence and other issues that contribute to violence in our communities. Our 2017 conference will focus on cultures and effects of violence – how we learn violence, the context of violence, and culturally impacted responses to the root causes of violence.

Join us this year as we consider these issues and discuss how communities – schools, courts, law enforcement, service organizations, youth and families – have and can continue to come together to effectively understand the impacts of violence on resiliency, why it affects people in different ways, and the exportation of the effects of violence. We will spend the day exploring what works, where there are challenges, how to communicate better with each other, and how to collectively move to solutions.

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Safe & Sound Hillsborough invites proposals for concurrent workshops sessions to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Interactive presentations should be designed to last 45 minutes and should address one or more of the following:

* Community Policing
* Engaging faith community and faith leaders
* How to improve access points for prevention and intervention (hospitals, schools, churches); building partnerships
* Clinical approaches to violence/trauma
* Parenting tactics to help reduce violence
* Creating a community of practitioners
* Race and Equity
* The use of technology in prevention and intervention efforts
* How to create functioning coalitions; includes both surviving disagreements and separations
* Public/private and business partnerships
* Mental Health
* Substance Abuse
* Why do kids join gangs?
* Reducing Accessibility of Guns (Youth)
* Employment Strategies to help reduce violence

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION**

There are different categories for presentations, Workshops, Discussion Tables, and Trainings. We welcome all varieties; however, our goal is to have a diverse program in both subject matter and type of workshop.

Full workshop proposal should include:

* Name, Title, Organization
* Mailing address, Email, Phone
* Biographical summary for each presenter, including credentials (200 words max)
* Handouts and PowerPoint presentations. We ask that PowerPoints be limited to 20 slides.
* 500–1,500 word expanded description, which includes: Three learning objectives
* Evaluation results and data
* Unique features or impacts
* Explain your strategies to ensure audience understanding/participation.
* Describe specific audio‐visual needs or set‐up requirements.

List all presenters. Note who will serve as the Lead Contact for correspondence. There is a limit of 2 presenters for Workshops

***Submit your proposal via email to*** ***info@safeandsoundhillsborough.org***

**FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Invited full proposals must be received by February 10, 2017.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Presentations will be selected based on:

* Overall relevance to conference theme.
* Added value to the conference so that a variety of topics/viewpoints/approaches are represented.
* The degree to which the presentation promotes audience interaction

**NOTICE OF SELECTION**

The Lead Contact will be notified of the final decision via email and/or telephone.

If your presentation is chosen and you are notified, changes in your presentation’s content (power point, information, hand out, etc.) and speakers (adding or subtracting) after the fact, will change your eligibility as your proposal must be re-submitted and go through due process as a new proposal.

**SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS/REIMBURSEMENTS**

S&SH will provide all audio/visual support for presenters. Presenter biographies and workshop descriptions will be listed on all marketing material highlighting the conference.

S&SH does not typically award conference workshop presenters an honorarium. Speakers cover their own travel, parking, food, printing and other expenses. If you require us to pay any of these costs, please note it in your submission and understand that an honorarium request does not ensure that S&SH will choose to or can provide one.

**WHY BE A PRESENTER?**

This conference is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and recognition in presenting to a large audience. The audience includes: Community residents and stakeholders, Civic Leaders, Elected Officials, Parents, Youth, Employers and Support Service Agency Contacts.

For additional information or questions, contact Dexter Lewis at 813-327-8317, ext. 4040 or via email at dlewis@safeandsoundhillsborough.org.