**Expressions of Interest for Speakers and Workshop Presenters**

Healing Through our Community Connections conference will focus on the healing power of community connections within Aboriginal families and communities. The emphasis on sharing success stories and building upon strengths is particularly powerful, as it fosters a positive and empowering environment.

We are seeking expressions of interest from Speakers and Workshop presenters who can share their experiences in providing hands on services and programs for our Aboriginal families and communities.

The service and program area’s we will focus on this year are as follows;

* Social & Emotional Wellbeing programs
* Youth Justice
* Housing
* Disabilities
* Child protection
* Childcare

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Duration of speakers – 30 mins

Speakers will talk about the challenges faced in delivering their program or services and the innovative solutions which led to successful outcomes for Aboriginal families or communities.

Speakers will be required to present their story in the following format;

5 mins Brief overview of their service

10 mins Challenges faced in delivering their service or program

10 mins How the challenges were overcome and success was achieved

5 mins Audience questions

Expressions of Interest for our guest speaker are open to only Aboriginal presenters, however, can be co-presented with a non-Aboriginal presenter.

**WORKSHOPS**

Duration of workshops – 90 mins

Our workshops will allow for a diverse range of perspectives and experiences and to provide delegates with an experience of activities and engagement in smaller like-minded groups.

The aim of our workshops is to engage participants in interactive sessions that allow for hands-on learning and practical takeaways. The goal is to translate ideas into actionable strategies which can make a difference in service and program delivery.

The aim of this year’s conference is to provide participants the opportunity to engage in some of the following workshops and hear from presenters with knowledge and hands on experience.

We are seeking expressions of interest in the following areas;

1. **Storytelling:**

Deliver a workshop to teach participants how to run their own workshops in community where people are encouraged to share their stories.

Personal narratives can be powerful tools for inspiration and connection.

1. **Strength-based Program Delivery:**

Deliver a workshop which explores how to build upon the existing strengths within our communities.

This workshop will focus on how and why existing services and programs are not working well, and share evaluation tools used to target the difficulties in the delivery of these programs and create strategies to manage these challenges.

1. **Small Group Discussions:**

Facilitate small group discussions around your particular area of expertise, allowing for the group to foster a sense of community and connection.

This workshop will allow for more intimate conversations, creating a space for deeper sharing and understanding in relation to your topic of expertise.

1. **Developing Programs from the Ground Up:**

Deliver a workshop which shares the knowledge you have gained from creating services or programs from the beginning.

This workshop will assist participants to strategically evaluate the need, create the program and plan a strategy for delivery.

Expressions of Interest for our workshops are open to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal presenters.