



## 2012 Conference Call for Workshop Proposals

### Conference Theme: *Moving Forward: Innovation and Best Practices in Human Services*

October 17-20, 2012 -- Intercontinental Hotel – Milwaukee, WI

Join NOHS in Milwaukee to re-energize, reconnect and rediscover what keeps us “moving forward” in human services.

Human services as a profession is in a time of great momentum – from the numerous human services programs springing up on campuses across the country, to the creation of the *Human Services – Board Certified Practitioner* credential, to the greater awareness of human services as a unique and vital addition to the helping professions.

The provision of human services is in great need due to continued economic disparity, ever-tightening restrictions on who “deserves” assistance, and the redirection of funding from traditional sources. Human Services was initiated during challenging times to address social injustice, discrimination, and the marginalization of certain members of our society. Although our mission has not changed, conditions necessitate an innovative approach to ongoing needs and a celebration of what works to “transform individuals and communities”.

You – human services practitioners, educators and students - are invited to submit proposals that showcase what is innovative and exciting in Human Services:

- Creative approaches to employment, food security, housing, education, health care, advocacy, community development, social action and social change
- Public/private partnerships or collaborations that are making a positive difference in your community
- Social entrepreneurship and microlending/microcredit
- Cutting-edge teaching and training techniques
- Grassroots movements – locally or globally
- Emerging technologies that enhance quality of life and access to services
- Future directions in Human Services – where do we go from here?

Presentations can be either 60 or 90 minutes in length and utilize a variety of formats – experiential, didactic, and interactive. Poster presentations (visual representations of research, teaching approaches, practice strategies, or reports on programs and projects in the profession of human services) are also encouraged and are especially appropriate for students and recent graduates.

**Submit your proposal using the form available on the NOHS website by **March 16, 2012** to Proposal Coordinator, Linda Wark, at [conference@nationalhumanservices.org](mailto:conference@nationalhumanservices.org)**