MMP Symposium Workshop Proposal

MMP is seeking proposals for workshop presentations at the MMP Symposium - Centering Equity & Belonging in Youth-Adult Relationships currently scheduled to take place November 10th at the Encore Boston Harbor in Everett, Massachusetts.

The MMP Journey to 30 Symposium and Celebration is an immersive experience focused on honoring the power of mentoring and MMP’s 30 years of building the capacity of the field of youth-adult relationships. In this two part event, youth-serving practitioners, subject matter experts, policy makers, business leaders, and board members will come together for a day of workshops and peer learning at the MMP Symposium - Centering Equity & Belonging in Mentoring Relationships. A closing plenary session will then lead to an inspirational keynote to kick off the evening’s Journey to 30 Celebration.

Workshop Information
The MMP Symposium will continue to explore how mentoring relationships serve as a lever for positive youth outcomes. Workshop proposals are encouraged to explore topics that highlight the role of effective mentoring relationships and provide attendees with practical tools and knowledge to bring to their own work. The Symposium attendees represent a cross-sector set of stakeholders, and presenters will be asked to identify which attendees might benefit from the content and tools shared during the proposed workshop. We encourage you to consider workshops that authentically include youth perspectives (any individual who is 24 years of age and younger) in your proposal submission.

Workshops selected will receive a $300 stipend per workshop and each workshop presenter will be provided with free registration.

MMP is interested in workshops focused on the following topics and themes:

- Youth Mental Health
- Building Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in your program
- Serving specific youth groups, including mentoring youth of color, youth with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ youth, tribal or native youth, girls, and other specific youth groups.
- Collaborations, including private sector engagement, philanthropic investments and cross-sector initiatives.
- Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™, including best practices in program operations.
- Integrating youth voice into programming
Mentoring relationships and systems change, such as creating college and career pathways or focusing on youth impacted by justice involvement.
Nonprofit Management, including organizational governance, fundraising, administration, and leadership.

Workshop Format
- Length: 90 minutes
- Size: Workshops will vary in size, but presenters should prepare for 30 - 50 attendees. If selected, presenters will be notified of workshop size as the Symposium approaches and should plan for an interactive session.
- Audiovisual (A/V) Support: In the application process, presenters should indicate A/V needs. All rooms will have a screen, projector, the ability to play audio from a computer, WiFi, a flipchart and markers, and limited A/V support. Presenters must provide their own laptop, with required connection cords, if making a presentation, as well as provide their own handouts.

Selection Criteria
Workshops should provide attendees with new, practical knowledge. Presenters should share information applicable to a range of program sizes and models, rather than simply describing a model or marketing a tool. As mentioned earlier, workshops that include youth perspectives have been particularly important to our network. We encourage you to consider including these perspectives within the workshop when relevant. Proposals will be reviewed and selected based on the following criteria:
- Timeliness of Topic: The topic is relevant and addresses one of the topic areas described in the “Workshop Information” section above.
- Expertise: Presenter(s) has clear expertise in the topic and experience in the youth-serving field.
- Broad Appeal: The session topic and format is timely, appeals to a broad audience, and provides insight that would benefit multiple types of stakeholders.
- Methodology: Including materials to be used, addresses various learning styles (auditory, visual, kinesthetic, etc.) and meets the needs of adult learners. The session has an intentional mix of interactive and presentation components. If known, applicants should also indicate handouts and other materials that will be used. We strongly recommend that attendees be provided with handouts or a tangible resource. Presenters are responsible for their own distribution of materials in the workshop.
- Practicality: The session provides actionable information, skills, and tools that can be implemented in participants’ work.
- Informative: The session builds participants’ knowledge and expands their view of the youth-serving field.

Selection Process and Timeline
- Proposals due on Friday, August 4th, at 12:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time.
- Review process: Proposals will be reviewed according to the criteria outlined above by a workshop review committee. The committee may determine that additional proposals are needed after the submission deadline to fulfill the goals of the Symposium.
- Notification date on or before August 22, 2022.

If selected, presenters agree to:
- Only present one workshop. Applicants may submit more than one proposal, but only one workshop will be accepted per presenter.
- Finalize title and public workshop description by September 12, after which date changes cannot be guaranteed on the MMP Symposium website or registration site.
- Provide a brief bio and headshot for the Symposium website.
- Register for the Symposium by October 1, with knowledge that each selected workshop will be entitled to one complimentary registration and one half priced registration and there is a cap of five presenters per workshop.
- If you are selected to present a workshop, secure roundtrip travel and lodging at presenter’s own expense (if needed) for the Journey to 30 Symposium.
- Bring a laptop and copies of handouts, if needed, to present the workshop at the Symposium.
- Do not sell or market products or services to attendees.
- Receive updates from MMP on the Symposium and other MMP news.
- Send finalized PowerPoint slides to Janeen Smith by October 27, 2022 so participants can access slides prior to and following the Symposium.