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2024 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are seeking workshop proposals for the upcoming **16th Annual Community Empowerment Through Black Men Healing Conference** held on **June 20 & 21, 2024**, at **Metropolitan State University St. Paul Campus**. This year's theme is "**The Black Family**". We will take a critical deep dive into the current challenges in the black community and its relationship to the health of the family and explore practical trauma-informed, culture-sensitive approaches that lead to healing.

This conference has been called "**Groundbreaking and Visionary**" since the 1st conference. The goal has been to provide an opportunity for meaningful community engagement and access to national and local educators and community practitioners to discuss and introduce practical, culturally sensitive trauma-informed initiatives. That could improve African American men's and their families' health and wellness. We realize that a thriving African American community improves the community's health and society as a whole.

"The Family is the Root of a Healthy Community."

We are seeking submissions that will provide conference attendees with the best culturally competent and community-based strategies on the following topics:

TRAUMA AND AWARENESS RAISING

- Male Trauma
- Generational trauma
- The relationship between black men and black women in the community.

HEALING AND RESILIENCY

- Multi-generational Healing
- Healthy/Non-Violent relationships
- Community-based efforts to build resilience and protective factors (psychologically, physically and spiritually)

POLICY AND SYSTEMS CHANGE

- Family stability policy
- Early childhood development (father and male involvement, education, co-parenting, etc.)
- State and local efforts to create culturally sensitive trauma-informed systems (i.e., violence prevention and intervention, equity, criminal justice, child welfare, and education systems)

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

- Co-parenting
- Healthy eating
- Gender Issues
- Fidelity Issues
- The role of the faith community
- Professional self-care and/or healing
- Best practices around incorporating African principles.
- Intergenerational leadership, including collaboration and succession.

Note: Open to presentations on other topics related to trauma awareness, healing, resilience, and policy change.

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Please submit the proposal by Friday, April 1, 2024. Please read carefully and complete the following form.

Speaker Responsibilities

- You will need to be available on **Thursday, June 20th at 10:30 or 1 pm**
- Supply a laptop and/or the presentation on a flash drive.
- Will provide an electronic pdf copy of the handout materials by **June 14, 2024**, to be posted on the conference website for the attendees to download. If you will supply hard copies, make a minimum of 40 to accommodate attendees on the day of the workshop.
- Speakers may not sell or promote a product during workshop time.** Workshops are strictly educational.

Speaker Benefits

- We will make available to you and one co-presenter free conference registration, including meals.
- We will promote the workshop and presenters through the website and mailings.
- We will provide (1) screen and (1) LCD Projector for each workshop. **Additional equipment will be at the presenter's expense.**

Please indicate if there will be a co-presenter

Please indicate if this will be a panel. Panels should be limited to 5, which includes you. (add panelist's contact information below).

1. Name: _____

Job Title/Professional: _____

Organization Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

2. Title of Proposed Workshop and brief description (limit of 1.5 hrs): Please attach a bio for yourself.

3. List (a) the goals and objectives of your workshop and (b) the expected outcomes for participants.

4. Please attach a bio for yourself.

5. Indicate your audio-visual and other workshop equipment needs.

Co-presenters

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Please attach a bio.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Please attach a bio.

Submit all proposals by email or mail to Sam Simmons at healingbrothers@comcast.net. The deadline date is **Monday, April 1, 2024**. Notification will be emailed to the **Primary** presenter by **Monday, April 15, 2024**. Submit all questions by email to Sam Simmons at healingbrothers@comcast.net. Information about the conference is available at www.brothershealing.com.

Thank you for your submission!

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Panelists Information

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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