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2027 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are seeking workshop proposals for the 19th Annual Community Empowerment Through Black Men Healing Conference, to be held on **Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25, 2026, at St. Paul College.** This year's conference will address challenges confronting males ages 12 to 25 and make an authentic attempt to answer this question: ***"How does a young man heal when he feels like he's forgotten or under attack?"*** We explore practical, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, outcome-driven approaches that address challenges, uplift, and empower them to take responsibility for their **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 for national and local educators and community practitioners to discuss and introduce practical, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed initiatives. That could improve the health and wellness of African American men and their families. We recognize that a thriving African American community improves the health of the community and society as a whole.

"When the men suffer, everybody in the family and community suffers tenfold."

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
- Toxic Stress
- Blind Loyalty
- Grief And Loss
- Economic Trauma
- Domestic Violence
- Racial Battle Fatigue
- Generational Trauma
- Professional or Staff Trauma
- Historical and Racial Trauma
- Online Violence, Cyber-Bullying
- Adverse Childhood Experiences

HEALING AND RESILIENCY

- Self-Care
- Mentoring
- Male Programming
- Healthcare Advocacy
- Multi-generational Healing
- Role of the Faith Community
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Staff Self-Care and/or Healing
- Safe Community Spaces for men
- Healthy/Non-Violent Relationships
- Engaging men through informal spaces (gyms, barbershops, etc.)

Policy And Systems Change

- Housing
- Job Readiness
- Family Stability Policy
- Community's Relationship with System
- Intergenerational leadership, including collaboration and succession.
- State and local efforts to create culturally sensitive trauma-informed systems
- Early childhood development (father and male involvement, education, co-parenting, etc.)

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

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Please read and complete the following form carefully.

Speaker Responsibilities

- ❑ You will need to be available on **Thursday, June 24th, at 10:30 or 1 pm (these are approximate times)**
- ❑ Supply a laptop and/or the presentation on a flash drive.
- ❑ To provide an electronic PDF copy of the handout materials by **June 11, 2027,** for posting on the conference website for attendees to download. Or you can supply hard copies and make at least 40 to accommodate attendees on the workshop day.
- ❑ **Speakers may promote their book but not sell or promote other products during workshop time**. Workshops are strictly educational.

Speaker Benefits

- ❑ We will provide one free conference registration for you and one co-presenter, including meals.
- ❑ We will promote the workshop and its presenters through the website and other promotional channels.
- ❑ 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 4, 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 your proposal and all questions to Sam Simmons at ssc@comcast.net by the **March 12, 2027,** deadline. We will notify the **Primary** presenter by **March 26, 2027**. Conference information is available at www.brothershealing.com.
Submit your proposal Now!

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Panelists Information

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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