



# Blueprints

FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Committed to Youth, Families  
and a Stronger Tomorrow

## 2012 CONFERENCE | CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Thank you for your interest in speaking at the 2012 Blueprints for Violence Prevention Conference.

The Blueprints Conference disseminates knowledge designed to bridge the gap between research and practice by bringing together research scientists, prevention experts, program designers, policy-makers, community leaders, advocates, practitioners and funders to share ideas and learn about evidence-based youth violence, delinquency and drug programs. In addition to presenting information on a number of evidence-based programs\*, the conference provides information on policy and implementation practice.



*Pictured: San Antonio's Scenic Riverwalk*

APRIL 11-13 | SAN ANTONIO, TX | [WWW.BLUEPRINTSCONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.BLUEPRINTSCONFERENCE.COM)

The goal of the conference is to promote and support the adoption, implementation and sustainability of evidence-based programs\* that enhance youth development. To support this goal, the Blueprints Conference provides workshops focused on five objectives:

1. *Promote the use of evidence-based programs by providing information on the Blueprints model and promising programs.* Information at a "basic" level is intended to provide introductory material to participants who may have little to no knowledge of the program and may be interested in program adoption. Information at an "expert" level is more salient for those persons already implementing the program, providing in-depth knowledge of program-specific implementation issues and challenges that may impact the sustainability of programs.
2. *Provide guidance, support and tools that enhance the adoption and implementation of evidence-based programs.* Workshops may include the latest research or practice guidelines on implementation factors for success, program adoption and implementation strategic frameworks, integrating programs into existing systems, fidelity tools and guidelines, organizational challenges, building supportive environments and program champions, workforce development, website and database tools, etc.
3. *Promote policy strategies and effective leadership to champion and support evidence-based programs.* Workshops may provide policy positions and strategies at a local, state, and national level (e.g., statewide or local initiatives to implement a portfolio of evidence-based programs, reallocation of criminal justice dollars to prevention, effective strategies for disseminating information to key players, engaging and building support among key stakeholders such as politicians and state and local department administrators).
4. *Provide strategies for financing and sustaining evidence-based programs.* Workshops may provide information on costs-benefits, innovative ways of financing and sustaining evidence-based programs, and sustainability planning tools.
5. *Promote research and establish a broad knowledge base on evidence-based programs that fully address population needs.* Workshops may include science-based information on program adaptations for new populations or contexts, as well as **research** related to the adoption, implementation, and sustainability of evidence-based programs.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participants wishing to present are encouraged to submit abstracts which focus on one of the five objectives. All applications and accompanying **abstracts must be received by October 1, 2011.** Abstracts should be no more than one page.

**Please e-mail applications and abstracts to:**

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**Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by December 1, 2011.**

## PEER REVIEW

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Blueprints Conference Planning Committee. Submissions will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

1. **Relevance to one of the five conference objectives.**
2. **Relevance to a practice, rather than scientific audience.**
3. **Advances research, knowledge and best practices regarding evidence-based programs, implementation issues, policy, financing and sustainability.**
4. **Abstract clearly describes the issues, policies, data, theories, or tools to be presented.**

## LOGISTICS

The fourth biennial Blueprints for Violence Prevention Conference will be held April 11-13, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas, at the Marriott Rivercenter. April 11th is a preconference day with several all-day workshops. Presentations will be scheduled for April 12th and 13th. Workshops will last 90 minutes and must allow time for questions and discussion. Since the Blueprints Conference has no outside funding and is supported only by registration fees and small sponsorships, speakers must be willing to pay for their own registration and travel costs.

\*Evidence-based programs are defined as well-defined interventions with sufficient support from well conducted, rigorous research (experimental, quasi-experimental with matched comparisons) that have been endorsed by government agencies and/or respected research organizations.

## SPEAKER PROPOSAL FORM

### Primary Contact Information *(Please attach vitae or resume for primary contact.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Co-Presenter Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Title \_\_\_\_\_

### Presentation Abstract

Please describe the educational content of your 90-minute presentation. Descriptions should be short, specific and should clearly explain how attendees will benefit from the information. Please limit description to one page (attached).

Audio/Visual Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sessions

Please identify which area you will be presenting on:

- Blueprints Model or Promising Program\*
- Program Implementation
- Policy Strategies and Effective Leadership
- Finance/Sustainability
- Translation Research
- Other

### \*Please Note:

In order to have ample coverage of issues related to implementation, policy, financing, and translational research, we must restrict the presentations on evidence-based programs to Blueprints programs only.

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