



1st National Symposium on Community Interventions in Drug Prevention and Treatment:



"Strengthening Communities: Showcasing Innovative Approaches and Best Practices in Drug Prevention and Treatment"

04th December 2024 – Colombo

Guidelines for preparing and submission of Abstracts

All abstracts will be subjected to a review process of expert pannel. Only, original unpublished work is eligible. Any abstracts identical or substantially similar work already published or under review for another conference or publication, will not be considered. If your abstract is accepted, at least one of the authors should register for the conference and present the abstract.

1. Proposed Themes/Tracks

I. Community-Based Drug (Alcohol and other drugs) Prevention

- Role of the community-based organizations
- Role of the volunteers and community leaders
- Women empowerment for drug prevention
- Working with families
- Youth engagement strategies
- Case presentations
- Drug-Free Model Villages/workplaces/institutions

II. Community-based treatment approaches

- Success stories of Recovery groups
- Integration of treatment services
- Community support systems
- Follow-up and aftercare programs
- Short-stay community-based treatment camps
- Working with families
- Interventions for special population groups / Key population groups
- Support systems for individuals and families

III. Best Practices and Success Stories in Community Interventions

- Case studies of effective community programs
- Lessons learned from successful community initiatives
- Replicable models for other communities

IV. Challenges and Solutions in Implementing Community Works

- Overcoming barriers to community engagement
- Sustainability of community programs
- Strategies for mobilizing community resources

V. Use of technology and Innovations in community interventions

- Use of technology in community programs
- Innovative outreach methods including digital outreach
- New models of community engagement

VI. Policy and Advocacy for strengthening community interventions

- Advocacy strategies
- Policy influence and impact
- Building partnerships among stakeholders

2. Paper Guidelines

I. General instructions

- Papers may be based on research or experiences gained through community work in drug prevention and treatment. Papers should present original research works and real community experiences.
- Documents that do not follow the guidelines will be rejected.
- Documents received after the given deadline, due to any reason will not be accepted unless the deadline is extended.
- Language: Sinhala / English
- Short abstract (maximum 350 words) should be submitted along with the extended abstract (maximum 1200 words including short abstract)
- Short abstract: 350 words maximum, outlining the main focus, methodology, and findings.
- Extended abstract: Should not exceed 1200 words, excluding references and appendices.
- Formatting: Papers should include title, authors, affiliation, short abstract, keywords, introduction, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion, and references
- Font – Sinhala FMAbhaya / English – Times New Roman
- Word limit - Should not exceed 1200 words
- A soft copy of an abstract should be sent to outreachnddcb@gmail.com

II. Guidelines for Research-Based Abstracts

Title and Introduction:

- Clearly state the title of the research.
- Provide a brief introduction, including background information on the research topic.
- Highlight the significance of the study and its relevance to drug prevention and treatment.

Research Problem:

- Briefly describe the problem or issue that the research addresses.
- Explain why this problem is significant and worth investigating.

Objectives:

- Clearly outline the main objectives of the research.
- Specify what the research aims to achieve.

Methodology/Experimental Design:

- Describe the research design and methodology used (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods).
- Provide details on the sample size, selection criteria, and data collection methods.
- Explain any tools or instruments used in the research.

Results:

- Summarize the key findings of the research.
- Use tables, figures, or charts if necessary to present data effectively.
- Highlight any significant results or trends observed.

Discussion:

- Interpret the results and discuss their implications.
- Compare your findings with existing literature or studies in the field.
- Address any limitations of the study and suggest areas for further research.

Conclusion:

- Provide a concise summary of the research findings.

- Emphasize the significance of the results for drug prevention and treatment.
- Suggest practical recommendations or future actions based on the research.

References:

List all sources cited in the paper following a standard citation style (e.g., APA,).

III. Guidelines for Community Experience-Based Paper:

Title and Introduction:

- Clearly state the title of the paper.
- Provide an introduction to the community experience, including the context and background.

Relevant Location:

Specify the geographical location where the community experience took place.

Involved Communities, Parties, and Organizations:

- Identify the communities, individuals, organizations, or stakeholders involved.
- Briefly describe their roles and contributions to the experience.

Models Used:

- Explain any specific models, frameworks, or approaches used in the community experience.
- Provide details on how these models were implemented.

Measurable Outcomes and Indicators:

- List the key outcomes achieved through the community experience.
- Mention any specific indicators used to measure success or progress.

Sustainability:

- Discuss the sustainability of the community experience.
- Describe any strategies or plans in place to ensure the continued impact of the work.

Challenges and Solutions:

- Identify any challenges or obstacles faced during the community experience.
- Describe how these challenges were addressed or mitigated.

Other Relevant Aspects:

- Include any additional information that is relevant to the community experience.
- This could include cultural considerations, lessons learned, or unexpected outcomes.

Conclusion:

- Summarize the key points of the community experience.
- Highlight the overall impact and significance of the work.
- Offer recommendations or insights for similar community initiatives in the future.

References:

If applicable, provide a list of references or sources cited in the paper.

3. Selection Criteria

- Relevance to the symposium theme and tracks.
- Originality and innovation of the approach.
- Methodological rigor and clarity.
- Practical implications and potential for replication.
- Contribution to evidence-based practices in the field.

4. Presentation Modes

- Oral Presentations: Selected papers will be presented in 15-minute sessions followed by a 5-minute Q&A.

Specifications for Paper Presentations

- Duration: Each oral presentation should last no more than 15 minutes.
- Slides: A maximum of 10 slides is recommended.
- Handouts: Presenters are encouraged to provide handouts or supplementary materials.

5. Supplementary Documents

Author Bio: A short biography (150 words) for each author.

Conflict of Interest Statement: A declaration of any potential conflicts of interest.

Ethical Approval: Proof of ethical approval for studies involving human participants (if applicable).

6. Important Dates –

Open for abstract submission – 1st September 2024

Deadline for Abstracts submission – 15th November 2024

Notification of acceptance – 25th November 2024

Conference date – 04th December 2024

7. Registration Fees

Students category - LKR. 1500.00

General category – LKR. 3000.00

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