



## Call for Proposals Announcement

The 2017 NAWRS Bi-Annual Workshop will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from July 30 – August 2. The theme of the conference is: **Moving Forward to Reduce Poverty, Increase Opportunity, and Improve Human Service Delivery.**

When public systems **reduce poverty, increase opportunity, and support the well-being of America's families**, people are better able to reach their full potential and contribute to their communities. The human services field has made great efforts to achieve these important societal goals, but progress has been slow and difficult. The causes of poverty are numerous, and families are diverse in both their structure and their individual needs. Moreover, advances in technology and changes in our social and political context are challenging the viability of existing programs and services.

Effectively addressing these challenges requires us to think creatively about how programs and agencies serving families can best work together, try out new strategies, and harness advancements in technology and science to improve human service delivery. Our vision for the 2017 NAWRS workshop is to highlight state and local government innovations that advance progress toward these three goals. In particular, we seek promising approaches that reach across programs, agencies, levels of government, and the public and private sectors.

**The 2017 NAWRS Workshop will bring together people, research, and ideas around state and local government innovations to improve service delivery, research, and policy as we look toward the future.** The Program Committee is especially interested in proposals that contribute to the theme, with a focus on the following programs and topics:

### Programs

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Child Support
- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), workforce development, employment and training, postsecondary education, career pathways, sector strategies
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Child care and early education
- Child welfare and foster care
- Fatherhood programs
- Community economic development
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Affordable housing, housing subsidies, and homelessness
- Unemployment Insurance
- Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act
- Sick pay and paid family leave



## Topics

1. **Cross-program integration**, such as between TANF and WIOA
2. **New uses of data and technology**, such as predictive analytics, use of administrative data, social media, and mobile apps
3. **Innovative research and evaluation methods**
4. **Innovative strategies**, including two-generation initiatives, social impact bonds, and uses of behavioral science
5. **Issues and interventions for particular demographics and social groups**, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual or gender identity, rural location, and immigration status
6. **Issues and policies related to children**, including child support, child care, early childhood education, and health
7. **Issues of affordable housing and homelessness**
8. **Intersections of economic development and human services** to enrich quality of life and place
9. **Research Academy**, which are "hands on" sessions designed to offer specific strategies and technical assistance for conducting rigorous research at the state and local level (please see [www.nawrs.org](http://www.nawrs.org) for more details)

Proposals can be submitted for individual presentations, a panel session of three related presentations, or a roundtable. Submissions should include the following information:

- Title
- Presenter(s) (for panels, please list the presenter(s) for each presentation)
- Other Presenter(s) (if applicable)
- Program and/or Topic Areas
- Type of Presentation (proposal for an individual presentation, a full panel, or a roundtable)
- Abstract (300 words for each presentation plus 200-word panel overview)

**Proposals should be submitted by March 1, 2017 at [www.nawrs.org](http://www.nawrs.org).**

Questions about the 2017 NAWRS Program, this Call for Proposals, or the 2017 Annual Workshop should be directed to [NAWRWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:NAWRWorkshop@gmail.com).

Thanks!

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