CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS GUIDING INFORMATION

This document provides guidance on how to help submit a strong presentation

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All submissions must be completed by Friday, April 3

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Timeline of Deliverables

Deliverable	Deadline
Open Call for Presentations	Wednesday, February 11
Close Call for Presentations	Friday, April 3
Review and Selection by Planning Committee	Completed by Wednesday, April 22
Notification to Accepted Presenters	By Friday, May 8
Presenter Training	Thursday, August 13, 3:00 PM EDT
All Session Titles Finalized by	Friday, August 14
Final Presentation Materials Due	Friday, September 11

INTENT FOR THE EVENT & CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The annual Public Human Services Attorneys (PHSA) Education Conference, produced by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), brings together legal practitioners from state, county, city, tribal, territorial, and federal agencies to engage with peers and experts and explore timely, relevant legal topics and emerging trends. The conference is hosted by the PHSA Affinity Group, a network of attorneys dedicated to advancing the legal practice of government human services.

The PHSA Education conference emphasizes development of legal skills and innovative approaches to the design and delivery of state, county, city, tribal, and territorial human services at the intersection of legal compliance, policy, and practice. The conference also highlights timely legal issues across the broader human services landscape and gives attendees the opportunity to earn all of their annual continuing legal education (CLE) credits, including ethics. Participants benefit from meaningful learning, hands-on demonstrations of practical solutions, and genuine peer and networking connections.

Call for Presentations
The PHSA Education Conference brings together human services attorneys from across the field to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another. Human services law covers a diverse range of practice areas. Topics may include Medicaid, child welfare, family services, SNAP/TANF, public health, mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, corrections and justice-based programming, and other related areas.

Guided by this year's theme *Achieving New Heights: Guidance for the Ever-Changing Legal Landscape of Human Services Law*, the 2026 PHSA Education Conference Planning Committee is seeking presenters on any of these topic areas, as well as related and emerging subjects such as artificial intelligence, data sharing, innovative program design, and the development of legal standards and practice. We encourage creativity and welcome a variety of formats—hot-topic sessions, cutting-edge or experimental ideas, niche subjects, roundtables, discussion-based forums, and skill- or learning-focused presentations. If you have an idea that can inform, challenge, or inspire your peers, we want to hear it.

INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AREAS

- Within the program areas on **slide 6**, the PHSA Education Conference is interested in presentations that have practical application to advancing legal matters in human services for their constituents.
  - This is not an exhaustive list. If your presentation's program area is not listed, select "Other" and enter the program area in the corresponding text box.

- The presentation should address
  - Innovative, evidence-based, best or promising practices or important foundational content
  - Which program it will highlight (e.g., Medicaid, child welfare, ethics, SNAP, TANF, juvenile justice, long term care, etc.)

- The content being offered should reflect the current landscape of agencies and the communities they serve.

- Content which provides continuing legal education (CLE) units is important.

PHSA WELCOMES PRESENTATIONS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAM AREAS, INCLUDING:

- Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder
- Child Welfare / Child Support / Child Care
- Contract Development and Negotiating Strategies
- Cyber/Data Security
- Developmental Disabilities
- Early Intervention
- Elder Justice
- Ethics
- Family Services
- Federal Funding
- Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship

- Human Services and the Criminal Justice System
- Human Services Law Office Training and Management
- Human Services Workforce and Operations
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
- Law and Policy
- Litigation
- Long Term Care
- Maternal and Infant Health
- Medicaid and CHIP
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)

- Prevention Services
- Procurement Laws and Grant Requirements
- Program Integrity
- Public Health
- Recent Federal Changes
- SNAP / TANF
- Social Determinants of Health (e.g., Housing, Homelessness, Food Security)
- Technology and the Law (including AI)
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Support
- And more!

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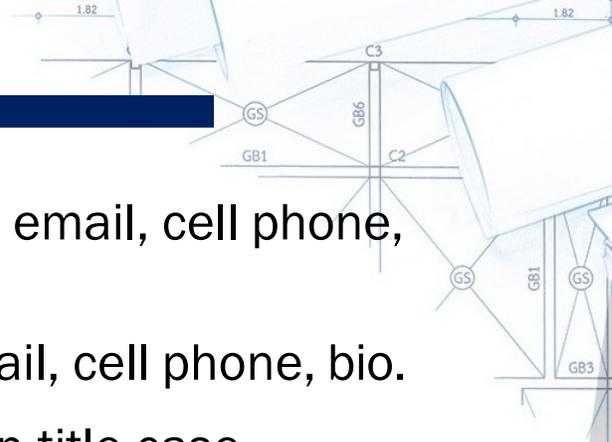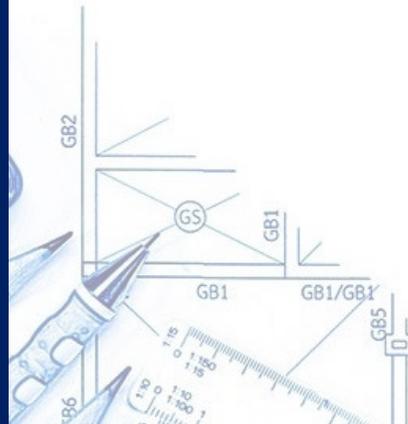
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SUBMISSION TYPES

Session Type	Definition
Individual or Panel Presentation	A structured session in which one presenter or a small group of experts share perspectives, insights, and expertise on a specific subject. Sessions may include a moderated discussion, prepared remarks, audience Q&A, and interactive elements designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the topic. If a panel presentation, it should include no more than four speakers, including a moderator.
Workshop Session	Following a short presentation, session will engage and interact with participants. A workshop is a collaborative and interactive session where participants engage in hands-on activities, discussions, and exercises to acquire specific skills, knowledge, or practical insights on a particular subject or theme. Workshops aim to foster active learning and skill development through participant involvement and shared experiences.
Roundtable Discussion	A facilitated discussion with subject matter experts (SME) on trending topics impacting legal services.

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What you need to start your submission

- Primary presenter's full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, photo, bio.

- Co-presenter(s) full name, title, organization, email, cell phone, bio.

- Session title – no more than 10 words, entered in title case.

- Summary of your session – no more than 350 words.

- APHSA will be offering Continuing Legal Education units (CLE) for approved sessions. All presenters will be required to upload a CV.

- Learning Objective: What three (3) key takeaways will attendees gain that they can use to guide their work?

Gathering this information prior to starting each submission will be helpful

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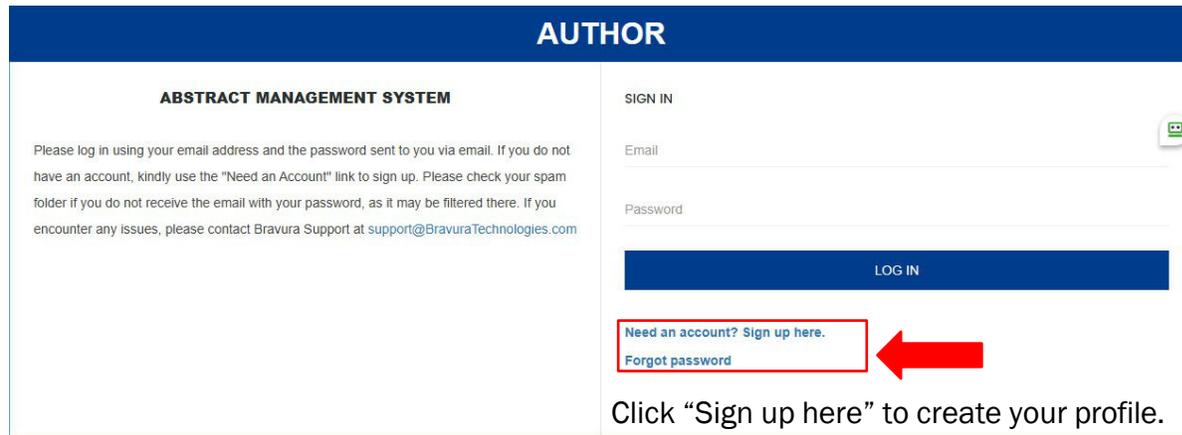
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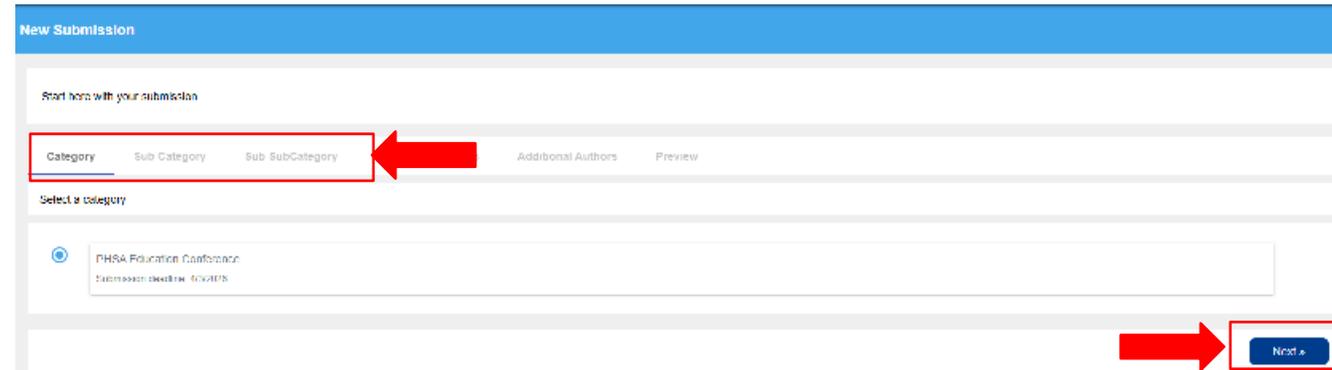SIGN IN

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- You cannot use the same email for all presenters.

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Once all required fields are completed, you will be able to complete your submission.

You can also save your work and come back to edit, as needed, until Friday, April 3, 2026.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

- Throughout the submission process, you will find a "Support" button at the bottom right of the screen. This will connect you with technical support for the submission portal.

- Contact the Events Team at aphsaconferences@aphsa.org for questions on content, deadlines, required materials, etc. This email is being monitored by the team and can expect to receive a response within 48 hours (2 business days), Monday-Friday.

- You may also reach out directly to a member of the Events Team:
  - Marie Comito, mcomito@aphsa.org
  - Donna Jarvis-Miller, djarvis-miller@aphsa.org
  - Maurine Jones, mcjones@aphsa.org

- For information on registration, hotel reservations, and other important updates visit the PHSA website.

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