Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) is currently seeking innovative and engaging speakers and presenters on a variety of topics for our upcoming annual conference in the fall of 2020. Over 300 community development practitioners, partners, and volunteers dedicated to affordable housing, economic development, food access, financial empowerment, or community engagement attend this event.

The OCDCA Annual Conference Host Committee is committed to creating an equitable conference. We welcome and encourage those who live or identify within marginalized communities to submit proposals.

Interested presenters should submit a proposal including name, affiliation, contact information, background and qualifications and a brief description of the proposed session. The description should include the title, objective, audience, content level (beginner, intermediate or advanced), method of delivery, and indicate if a plenary speaker position or a breakout session is sought. We encourage you to submit a video of prior presentations if available. Free conference registration will be offered to session presenters. Sessions will be 75-90 minutes.

Providers are needed in the areas of affordable housing, community economic development, food access, community empowerment and financial empowerment.

OCDCA also encourages CDCs that have a unique and/or successful project that they feel the membership at large would benefit from to submit a proposal.

Topics of interest for the 2020 conference include* (but are not limited to):
*Sessions that include a racial equity and inclusion lens are strongly encouraged

**Topic 1: Social Determinants of Health**

**Topic 2: Models and Resources for Middle Neighborhoods and Smaller Legacy Cities**

**Topic 3: Opportunity Zones**

**Topic 4: Green Development**
Including: sustainable living, climate change, or net zero housing

**Topic 5: Owner Occupied Housing**
Including: preservation or repair of housing or aging in place

**Topic 6: Work to Prevent Gentrification**

**Topic 8: CDC Resilience**

**Topic 9: Financial Empowerment Education**
Topic 10: Supporting Entrepreneurs of Color

Topic 11: Opioid Crisis
Including: recovery housing, employment assistance, or other services to those affected

We may also accept creative and engaging topics that do not fall under the listed categories. Additionally, we may not select any or all of the conference workshops from this call for proposals.

Proposals are due by 12:00 PM EST on Monday, April 6, 2020. Proposals can be electronically submitted at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ocdca_ac_rfq. More information about this event is available here.

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