

**CALL** **FOR** **PRESENTATIONS**

**Annual Veterans Summit *(formerly ASAP’s Annual Veterans Summit)***
**“Navigating Transitions: Camaraderie to Community”**

**CONFERENCE** **PARTICIPANTS:** Veterans, families of Veterans, persons concerned about Veteran-related success, community support organizations focused on providing any type of assistance to Veterans and their families; Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Providers, Practitioners, Evaluators/Researchers; Public Health Providers; State and Local Policy Makers; Veterans Care System Administrators. Private/Public for profit and not-for-profit organization staff that serve Veterans.

**PRESENTATION** **FORMAT:** Presentations will be 60 minutes in length. We welcome presentations that are suitable for an audience with a range of experience and exposure to veteran’s issues and services. Preference will be given to workshops that are new to the conference and demonstrate the dynamic participant engagement. Presentations should provide resources that actively support Veterans’ and their families. Of particular interest, workshop proposals that highlight unique and innovative approaches of supporting Veterans’ and their families through transition from military service to community reintegration. Additionally, the committee will look to include proposals with strategies that address stigma or augment engagement and cultural inclusion of military culture. Some of these topics may include relationship-building (camaraderie), engagement techniques, community resources and the development of support systems outside of military circles.

**AREAS** **OF** **FOCUS:** This Summit will focus on the overall engagement of military members in behavioral health care settings, as well as offer resources for wrap-around services available within local communities. While treatment of behavioral health disorders is of the utmost concern, broadening the scope of enrollment into these services is critical to the veteran population who often struggle with the idea of sharing deeply personal experiences and thus suffer in silence. Priority will be given to presentations who demonstrate new ideas related to the identification of veterans who need services, and engagement techniques that foster the greatest success in behavioral health settings.

* Clinical (Suicidal thought identification, enhancing the knowledge of family and community to identify suicidal behavior, how to have a conversation about self-harm and negative thoughts, engaging the veteran or family in services that are aligned with military values and demonstrate an understanding of unique military culture and how that impacts help-seeking behavior)
* Family/Community Reintegration (i.e. retreats, service animals, housing, outings, support groups, mental health first aid, etc.).
* Peer Professionals, including CARC, CRPA, CRPA-Family, Veteran Supported Recovery and other peers helping Veterans and their families.
* Trauma (understanding the challenge trauma plays in Veteran’s engaging to treatment and support services).

**REVIEW** **CRITERIA:** The Program Committee will review/evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

☑Relevance to the conference theme and Areas of Focus;

☑Well-defined syllabus and learning objectives;

☑Originality of presentation style and opportunity for participant involvement;

☑**Required:** A 3-5 minute video with your proposal on either: a) a training the facilitator has previously completed or b) the submitted topic to be discussed in 2025.

**June 12, 2025 Virtual Summit Submission Process:** Deadline to submit is ***March 30, 2025*** to be considered for the June 12, 2025 mid-year virtual summit. Complete and return this form and supplemental information to: Sherry LaFountain, Director of Events Management, Marketing & Development, 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, New York 12210. Phone: (518) 426-3122 x103 E-mail: slafountain@iuany.org. **Selections will be made no** **later than April 30, 2025.**

**November 5, 2025 Submission Process:** Deadline to submit is ***July 15, 2025*** to be considered for the November 5, 2025 Annual Summit. Complete and return this form and supplemental information to: Sherry LaFountain, Director of Events Management, Marketing & Development, 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, New York 12210. Phone: (518) 426-3122 x103 E-mail: slafountain@iuany.org. **Selections will be made no** **later than August 15, 2025.**

Please***indicate*** which event you would like to be considered for, please select “both” if you are open to either.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mid-Year Virtual Summit - June 12, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Annual In-Person Summit - November 5, 2025, Tarrytown, NY

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Both Events (June 12, 2025 and November 5, 2025)



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Workshop Session:

Presenter Name:

Organization:

Street Address: City/State: Zip Code:

Telephone: E-mail:

Co-Presenter Name:

Organization:

Street Address: City/State: Zip Code:

Telephone: E-mail:

List any additional Co-Presenters on a separate sheet with all the information requested.

***Each presenter/co-presenter must submit a bio with the proposal and a 3–5-minute video.***
***\*\*Proposals will not be deemed complete unless this information is included\*\****

Area of Focus (***check one***):       Clinical Skill      CRPA and/or peers      Family/Community

      Burnout       Resources       Vicarious Trauma

Target Audience:       Behavioral/Healthcare Practitioner       Administrators/Managers       Caregivers

       Community Coalitions/Partnerships       Federal/State/Local Administrators/Policy Makers

***Learning Objectives (Please include at least two (2) clear, concise objectives).***
Description of Presentation Content (No more than three (3) pages may be attached in response).

Type of Presentation:       Lecture/discussion       Interactive       Panel      Other (describe)

**Audio/Visual** **Requirements:** Each room will be equipped with a podium AND microphone, LCD projector and screen. For any additional audio/visual equipment or needs, a request must be made in your proposal. **Presenters** **must** **provide** **their** **own** **laptops.** If you will be using an Apple/Mac laptop, please make sure to bring the appropriate cable to connect your laptop to the projector (a DVI to VGA adapter) as we are unable to provide this type of cable.

Presenter Agreement: By submission of this form and the attached information, I agree that upon acceptance of this application, I will appear and present at this conference.

Signature(s): 

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