The Collaborative Conference on Rural Mental Health (CCRMH) is an annual event dedicated to promoting research, practice, and training issues unique to mental health services in rural areas.

This year, we are trying a different format to promoted dialogue between presenters and audience members. Presenters will discuss their topic for 15 minutes and then facilitate group discussions among audience members for the remaining time. We hope that this formatting tweak will lead to greater audience participation and enrichment of the conference experience.

Directions and Accommodations

Location: Both days of the CCRMH will be held in Plemmons Student Union, but we will use different rooms Thursday and Friday. Thursday events will be held in the Parkway Ballroom and Friday event will be held in the Beacon Heights Room. Click here to see Plemmons Student Union on a campus map.

Parking: All-day parking is available at the Rivers Street Parking Deck for $5.00. The deck is approximately a 3-minute walk from Plemmons Student Union. Click here to see the Rivers Street Parking Deck on a map.

Lodging:
Country Inn & Suites 828-264-4234
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Conference Agenda

Thursday, April 7th, 12:00-4:00:
CE Workshop: Ethical Considerations for Working with Rural Veterans
Valerie Stephens Leake, PhD.
Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Lexington VAMC, Lexington, K.Y.

In the U.S. today, 24% of the 22 million military veterans live in areas classified as rural. Fully 30 percent of the military personnel serving from 2001 to the present came from and are now likely returning to rural areas. Rural veterans struggle with the same barriers to obtaining mental health care as their civilian counterparts, including distance to facilities, paucity of trained providers, rugged terrain and geographical features that complicate travel, lack of transportation, and stigma. Additionally, mental health practitioners who provide services for veterans in either Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or in the community must be aware of unique ethical challenges they may face in the care of veterans especially those related to competence and confidentiality.

- This program will provide 3.0 Contact Hours (Category A) continuing education for psychologists. No partial credit awarded.
- 4 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
- .4 CEUs from Wake Forest School of Medicine
- 4 Contact Hours NBCC (Provider #5465)

REGISTRATION FEE: $60
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Friday, April 8th:
9:00-9:30- Coffee Social
9:30-10:10- Reduction of Mental Health Stigma in Rural Healthcare Students: An Evaluation of Attitudes and Behavioral Intent
Dannel K. Petgrave, & Chris Dula, East Tennessee State University

10:10-10:50- Publishing in the Journal of Rural Mental Health: A Discussion with the Editor
Jim Werth, Stone Mountain Health Services

10:50-11:30- Effective services for rural children and families: What’s in your toolkit?
Marianna Linz, Jennifer Tiano, Shannon Beish, Shelby House McGuire, & Whitney Myers, Marshall University

11:30-12:10- Supporting a consumer-driven research network in Appalachian Ohio through the PCORI Pipeline to Proposals Award
Nate Thomson, Executive Director, The Front Porch Project

12:10-1:30- Lunch downtown

1:30-2:10- Risk behaviors in Rural Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning Youth
Mary Ballard, Denise Martz, & JP Jameson, Appalachian State University

2:10-2:50- Navigating the Power Differential in Rural Areas
Kimberly Schofield, Cindy W. Mikeal, & Stirling Barfield, Southwest Virginia Psychology Internship Consortium

2:50-3:10- Break

3:10-3:50- Clergy and the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
Kamille Harris & Ruth Riding-Malon, Radford University

3:50-4:30– Native Appalachian Nurses Evaluation of Cultural Competency Issues with Rural Appalachian Patients
Robyn Seamon, Appalachian State University

Registration: Once again, Friday is FREE, but we request you register by 3/25. You can access the registration form by clicking here.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for Thursday’s workshop and Friday’s program are separate. If you would like to attend both, please register at both the AHEC site (link on the left panel) and the ASU site (link above).

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