CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Deadline – June 30, 2016

The 2017 Tri-State Diversity Conference, to be held at the
Cincinnati Airport Marriott, Hebron, KY
February 16 - 17, 2017

The Tri-State Diversity Conference is hosted by four land grant universities from Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. It is designed for administrators, faculty, and staff from Cooperative Extension, research, and academic programs; private and public university representatives; K-12 educators; community outreach leaders; health and social services professionals; employers and supervisors; human resource staff; elected and appointed officials; and all others wanting to expand diversity efforts and increase cultural understanding in their communities and workplaces.

Proposals for presentations are being invited for the 2017 conference on best practices, curriculum models, research, professional development training, and success stories for implementing diversity initiatives in a variety of settings as it relates to this year’s conference theme, “Breaking Down The Walls: Building Inclusive Communities.” The Planning Sub-Committee is seeking proposals for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels of diversity learning. These proposals are peer-reviewed and you will be notified by September 1, 2016 if your presentation has been selected for presentation at the 2017 conference.

Conference Goal:
The overall conference goal is to link people and resources together in order to better integrate diversity into programs, policies, and practices for creating community well-being. Approximately 175 – 250 participants are expected to attend.

Conference Objectives:
1. Showcase best practices, curriculum models, research, outreach strategies, training methods, and/or success stories for implementing community-based or work related diversity initiatives in the areas of education, community development, the health field, and the workplace.
2. To identify research needs and questions related to culturally diverse practices.
3. To network and link resources to help integrate diversity into programs, policies, and accepted practices for creating community and workplace well-being.
4. To create space for participants to examine their experience through reflective dialogue sessions.

Please follow the format on the next two pages to prepare and submit proposals. The Tri-State Diversity Conference Program Sub-committee will make the final selection decisions. Information you provide in this application will be used to evaluate your presentation proposal and will be published in promotional information if selected. Please check to make sure all information is accurate and how you would like it to appear in print. You will be notified by August 10, 2016, if your presentation has been selected for a breakout session at the 2017 Tri-State Diversity Conference.

Length of Sessions: Concurrent sessions are 75 minutes. Presentation should include 5 - 10 minutes for Q&A.

Submit proposals via email by June 30, 2016. Refer questions to Program Committee Chair: Whitney McKoy, University of Kentucky Extension, tristatediversity@yahoo.com, 502.695.9035.
Title of Proposed Session:
The title should be short and to the point, interesting, and engaging. Please include title on each page of your proposal submission.

The information requested below must be submitted for each presenter (duplicate as needed). List name with credentials exactly as the information should appear in published material. Lead Presenter will be the point of contact for all communications regarding the proposal. Type in the grey text boxes for each item requested.

Lead Presenter Name – list as to appear in printed materials:

Credentials:

Employer or Organization Representing:

Mailing address:

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Cell Phone: __________________________

Bio for each presenter included with this proposal (150-word maximum per presenter):

Please List Other Presenter(s) Name(s) – list the following for each co-presenter as to appear in printed materials:

Level of Learning Addressed by this Proposal:
The Conference Committee wants to provide sessions appropriate for individuals who are at various levels of personal development as it relates to diversity understanding and practice. Please indicate which level of learning you believe is addressed by this proposal by checking one of the three options below. Your selection should be reflected in the learning objectives.

**Beginning** – For participants who are early in their exploration of diversity awareness; have limited experiences in working with multicultural and diverse audiences; are ready to explore personal biases and increase knowledge and understanding of cultural, social, and economic differences.

**Intermediate** – For participants who have some experience and formal / informal learning in working with multicultural and diverse audiences; want to increase their confidence, skills, and understanding to effectively engage and promote equity and inclusiveness in diverse settings and programs.

**Advanced** - designed for participants who have developed and demonstrated culturally competence in their professional and personal behaviors; seek to effectively integrate competences in program design, implementation, and evaluation in their work with communities, schools, and workplaces.
Title of Proposed Session:

Learning Objectives:
What will participants learn in this session? What changes in Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes, and Abilities (KSAA’s) will be planned outcome(s) for this presentation?

Proposed Session Description:
In 50 words or less, briefly describe this session. Please write exactly what you want to appear in the printed program (description may be edited). This paragraph should give the conference participants an accurate picture of what the session is about and what they can expect to learn.

Proposal Description (Maximum 400 words):

Poster Session: If your proposal is not selected as a break-out session, would you be interested in developing a poster presentation? Yes No

Equipment: Each room will be setup with a laptop computer, speakers, LCD projector, and screen. Any additional audiovisual need is the responsibility of the individual presenter. If you need internet access, please let us know at least three weeks prior to the conference.

Handouts: Presenters are responsible for preparing and copying their own handouts.

Checklist for Submission:
I have provided a bio (150-word max.) for each speaker. (Required for proposal acceptance)
I understand that any audio-visual equipment needs beyond a laptop, LCD projector, screen, and speakers are my responsibility.

Application completed by: ________________________________________________________________
Date Submitted: ______________________________________________________________________

• In the event your proposal is selected, the conference registration fee will be discounted by 20% for the lead speaker. Any co-presenters are expected to pay the registration fee at full price for all the days they attend including the day of the presentation.