



REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS

**2008 POVERTY SUMMIT
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
COBO HALL
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

PROPOSALS DUE: JULY 25, 2008
VFA@nso-mi.org

**Sponsored by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services and the
Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity**

**Voices for Action 2008 Poverty Summit
November 13, 2008 - Cobo Hall Detroit, MI**

**Poverty Reduction Best Practice Program
Request for Presentations**

Summit Background

The Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve as a statewide forum concerning state policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and address the needs and concerns of low income individuals and families in the State of Michigan. The Commission works directly with the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, which is part of the State Department of Human Services. Beginning in late 2007 the Commission held public hearing forums on poverty across the state and heard from low-income and homeless individuals and families. Many of the issues identified were related to *homelessness, affordable housing, corrections, affordable healthcare, employment, mental illness, domestic violence, race and poverty, affordable childcare, education, intergenerational care giving, entitlement requirements, need for advocacy, and public policies*. In response to the hearings and in preparation for submission of recommendations to the Governor, the Commission, in partnership with the State Department of Human Services, is co-sponsoring the Voices for Action Poverty Summit on November 13, 2008, at Detroit's Cobo Hall. For additional information on the Summit, and on poverty in Michigan and the nation, please go to www.michigan.gov/poverty.

Best Practice Model Program

One of the key features of the Summit will be highlighting innovative best practice programs which have been successful at reducing poverty in the community by providing assistance to individuals and families facing economic crisis. We are looking for presentations on programs which are consistent with those themes that arose from the forums. They are listed above in *bold italics*. The best practice program should demonstrate the following:

- Rethinking of delivery of services in a holistic and sustainable manner;
- Flexibility of internal/external guidelines and regulations;
- Sustainable strategies for engaging consumers, communities, and/or businesses;
- An evaluation component that demonstrates clear, specific program outcomes, and the achievement of those outcomes. (*mandatory criteria*)

Proposal Submission Process and Guidelines

All private and public agencies, organizations, governmental programs, and communities that provide services to people in poverty are invited to submit a proposal to present at the Summit. If selected, conference registration and lunch will be complimentary.

Submit proposals in accordance with the following guidelines:

- All presentations **must** include one or more consumers as a member of the presentation team to speak to how the issue affected them and how the solution improved their lives.
- Presentations will be 60 minutes in duration (*including Q&A*).
- Include a resume / curriculum vitae for each presenter(s).
- Complete the attached request for presentation form [electronically] and save it as a document.
- Whether or not you are selected to present, we would like to include your information in a packet as a reference for the conference participants. Your submission of a proposal indicates your agreement with our right to publish information from your proposal.
- **Submit all materials via e-mail to Commissioner Sheilah Clay at VFA@nso-mi.org by July 25, 2008.** If you have content questions, please contact her via email or (313) 961-4890 or Patricia Caruso at (517) 373-9889.

**Voices for Action Poverty Summit
Poverty Reduction Best Practice Program
Request for Presentation Form**

Submit to: VFA@nso-mi.org no later than July 25, 2008

Presentation Title:			
Theme Area: <i>(see public forum issues listed above)</i>			
Target Audience Served:			
Learning Objectives:	Participants attending this workshop will:		
<p>Presentation Description/Summary: Please prepare and attach as a <u>separate page</u> a three – five sentence summary of the presentation [used for promotional purposes] and a more complete description of the presentation not to exceed 300 words. This should include a description of how the program meets some, or all, of the Program Model criteria listed above:</p>			
<p>Identify any <u>audio-visual needs</u> other than a microphone which will be provided:</p>			
Presenter Information:			
Name:		Degrees/Credentials:	
Title:			
Organization:			
Address:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:			
Co-Presenter Information:			
Name:		Degrees/Credentials:	
Title:			
Organization:			
Address:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:			
Co-Presenter Information:			
Name:		Degrees/Credentials:	
Title:			
Organization:			
Address:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:			

