

Colorado School Nutrition Association

Call For Proposals 2021



- **2021 Conference Theme**
 - Spicing Up School Nutrition
- **When**
 - June 15-17, 2021
 - Virtual Conference Sessions will be available for viewing through the month of June!
- **Background**
 - The Colorado School Nutrition Association (CSNA) is a statewide organization of school nutrition professionals committed to advancing the quality of child nutrition programs through professional development and advocacy.
 - Each year CSNA holds an annual conference to assist our members in advancing our mission, as well as provide them with the learning opportunities necessary to meet the federally required industry professional standards. The CSNA Annual Conference offers several workshops and education sessions each day in an effort to meet the training and development needs of our members.
 - This year, the CSNA conference is prepared to go virtual! We are asking all presenters to be prepared to record, edit, and submit their presentations to an online platform. We are planning for all conference sessions to be available both online and in person, with the ability to take the conference entirely virtual if we are not able to be together in person.
- **Call for Presenters**
 - CSNA is currently accepting proposals for presentations related to its 2021 Annual Conference which is currently scheduled in Pueblo, Colorado. If gathering in person is not safe or feasible, the conference will be provided on a virtual platform.
 - Presentations must meet one of the professional standard areas listed below
 - Key Area 1: Nutrition
 - Key Area 2: Operations
 - Key Area 3: Administration
 - Key Area 4: Communications and Marketing
 - Suggested Topics: The Education and Conference Committee is specifically interested in receiving session proposals that will enable participants to grow in their roles as child nutrition professionals in all sizes of districts, both urban and rural.
 - Self-Care and Wellness
 - Sustaining Programs Financially
 - Team Building Tips and Suggestions
 - Time Management and Efficiency
 - Effective Communication

- Stepping Out of the Box with Federal Programs
 - Family Feeding
 - Using Technology to Ease Your Day
 - Time Management
 - Equipment Maintenance
- **Session Types**
 - Learn and Share: a 60-minute breakout session that is prerecorded and intended to be watched by participants ahead of the scheduled class time. Time will be scheduled during the conference for a question-and-answer panel from participants who already watched the prerecorded session.
 - Breakout Sessions: CSNA Breakout Sessions will be 60 minutes in length and must be able to be presented both in person and recorded virtually. It is recommended that a blend of lecture-based instruction, case studies, peer learning, and interaction is included. Sessions should include the policy/process and the “how to”, as well as tools to take back to their schools for implementation,
 - Pop Up Sessions: Direct and inspired sharing of ideas on a specific topic for 10-15 minutes. These are faced paced interactions with no question-and-answer session, meant to inspire others through peer-to-peer learning and engagement. Plan to inspire, offer resources, and make connections.
 - Industry/Vendor Speakers: CSNA is welcoming speaker submissions from Vendors and our Industry partners, but please ensure that the information you are providing is not only a sales pitch and will enhance the experience and education portion of the conference for all attendees.
- **Additional Expectations:**
 - Speakers must be prepared to submit a fully edited and ready to present prerecorded presentation on their topic by May 10, 2021. (This allows time for upload to web platform)
 - Speakers DO NOT need to be SNA members.
 - CSNA does not provide speaker fees or travel expense reimbursement for education session speakers.
 - Speakers are expected to make their own travel arrangements unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing.
- **Please submit your proposals** for Learn and Share, Breakout Sessions, and Pop-Up Sessions via below Google form. For any questions, please email Anna Meza, SNS, CSNA Conference and Education Chair at ameza6@greeleyschools.org.
 - In the proposal, please include the following
 - Learn and Share, Breakout Session, or Pop-Up Session, or Industry/Vendor Speaker
 - Target Audience (Large/Small District, Urban/Rural, Staff/Manager/Director level)
 - An outline of your presentation, and how it will tie into the conference theme
 - Deadline for Submission is Feb 19th, 2021
 - **Please feel free to reach out to Anna Meza with any questions regarding your proposal**

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