We are seeking proposals from groups/individuals who are interested in providing dynamic, innovative, and engaging sessions built around this year’s theme. CSH’s 2020 Summit theme is **Thrive.**

**Theme**

Organizations submitting session proposals should address how their programs or policies support individuals, families and communities to thrive.

The supportive housing field is looking beyond housing stability to evaluate success. CSH wants to ensure that supportive housing is never a place where people are warehoused. We promote employment, recovery, autonomy, social connection, moving on from supportive housing to other independent settings, and more. Supportive housing residents should have access to the healthy foods, community participation, education, and income that are the foundation for growth. To that end we will be selecting sessions that: clearly show how the presenters are using housing as a platform to help individuals and families thrive in and beyond supportive housing; can point to specific results tied to their intervention design; and have engaged with participants to co-create the services that help them move beyond housing stability.
**Crisis:** Crisis is antithetical to thriving, prevents healing and recovery, and must be addressed as prerequisite.

**Stability:** A safe, stable home and connection to community and service supports are foundational to the ability to set and pursue one’s own goals.

**Individual Thriving:** With stability in hand, individuals are better able to pursue health, progress, community, and voice in their own lives.

**Community Thriving:** True thriving is marked by inclusion, sustainable connections, and greater resilience for individuals and communities.

This may include (but is not limited to):

- How thriving and resident voice is included in your program design;
- How integration with mainstream systems including justice, child welfare, and healthcare can increase access to services to support supportive housing residents;
- How programs like the New Market Tax Credit are being used to create more supportive housing in your community;
- How programs are designed to consider the needs of specific populations including Families, Youth, and Children; Aging; Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; and individuals exiting the justice system;
- How positive health and recovery outcomes are specifically supported through services or physical design;
- How a racial equity framework can be used in program design to support individual and family thriving;
- How services address recovery and independence;
- How supportive housing programs contribute to community resilience and connectedness;
- How your program or community measures and tracks progress on the domains of thriving.

Thrive is one CSH’s key drivers. Special consideration will be given to sessions that incorporate CSH’s other key drivers as well:

- **A racial equity framework:** Supportive housing can be a lasting and equalizing force that recognizes structural racism and addresses systemic policies to eliminate disparities.
- **Harnessing Data to Generate Results.**

**Session Guidelines**

- CSH is committed to racial equity. CSH expects proposals to have diverse presenters, including those with lived expertise.
- Proposals must consider the audience first and provide actionable solutions and tools as well as sharing exemplary practices in the supportive housing field.
- Successful proposals will demonstrate clearly how the audience will be engaged as part of the session. We are looking for more than just a presentation, audience engagement is expected.
- Applicants are highly encouraged to incorporate lived-expertise whenever possible.
- Sessions should also demonstrate an understanding of the impact racial inequity plays in the provision, access, and utilization of services and housing.
Applicants will be asked to select one of the following topics for their session:

- Healthcare
- New Market Tax Credit
- Supportive housing in rural and tribal communities
- Justice
- Youth, families, and children
- Aging
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Affordable housing with supportive services
- Racial Equity
- Using data to generate results
- Access to healthy foods
- Developing & managing supportive housing
- Innovations in Supportive Housing

**Submission Process**

- Your qualifications and proposal must be **electronically completed by January 13, 2019.**
- You will not be able to start your submission, save it, and return to complete it. We encourage you to write out the submission first and submit in full.
- Please list a specific day (May 27, 28, 29) or time preference (morning, afternoon) for presentation if you have one. Such requests are not guaranteed but will be taken into consideration.
- Up to two people per accepted session will receive complimentary registration to Summit 2020. All session presenters will be responsible for paying for hotel rooms and travel costs.

Each proposal will be reviewed by a diverse team of industry experts. If selected, all session participants will be expected to adhere to all indicated policies, procedures and deadlines. This will help ensure that all information is posted and published in a timely manner for our attendees to view and that your session needs are met.

Submit your proposal by clicking **HERE** today!