

**American Probation and Parole Association**

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# **51st Annual Training Institute Chicago, IL**

**In-person | Hyatt Regency Chicago: August 16 -19, 2026**

**Virtual Institute: August 11 - September 11, 2026**



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## APPA's CALL FOR PRESENTERS SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FOR:

4-hour Intensive Workshop Sessions (Sunday, August 16)

60-minute Workshop Session

90-minute Workshop Session

Virtual Workshop Sessions (60 or 90 minutes)

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) is pleased to issue a Call for Presenters for our **51st Annual Training Institute**, set for August 16 – 19, 2026, in Chicago, Illinois. Join us at the Hyatt Regency Chicago as we continue our mission of providing high-quality, skill-based training for the community corrections field.

## What We're Looking For:

APPA training institutes provide attendees with learning opportunities that emphasize skill-building and enhance career development. Preference will be given to sessions that include:

- **S.M.A.R.T. Objectives:** (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely).
- **Bloom's Taxonomy:** Learning objectives using active verbs.
- **Engagement:** Incorporated activities, audience participation, and a skills-focused approach.
- **Innovation:** New research or best practices for both in-person and virtual engagement.

Our participants include professionals in pretrial, probation, parole, reentry, treatment providers, judiciary, researchers, and educators.

## Presenter Responsibilities & Fees:

- **Materials:** Presenters must bring their own laptops and materials (handouts, USBs, adapters, etc.). APPA does not provide on-site printing.
- **Expenses:** APPA does not reimburse travel, lodging, or incidentals.
- **Faculty Registration:** A one-day faculty registration fee of **\$265** is required for all presenters, even those attending only for their session. As a nonprofit organization, this fee helps APPA continue to offer a program of excellence.

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APPA is excited to provide this platform for quality practitioners who are focused on improving core competencies, understanding what works in the field, embracing education and training, and continually developing skills. All are essential to the success of this crucial work, and it all rests firmly on the belief that this profession has a significant impact on public safety. We look forward to creating safer communities together with you.

## Proposal Process:

- 1. Prepare:** Ensure your proposal includes a clear description, stated learning objectives, and evidence-based data.
- 2. Submit:** Use the online portal link below. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please ensure you've filled out each section that is required. Due to the complexity of the survey, please understand that the system will not allow for a summary of your responses email back to you.
- 3. Review:** APPA's program committee scores submissions based on relevance, evidence-based practices, unique approach, and presenter expertise.
- 4. Notification:** All presenters will be notified of the decision via email in **late May 2026**.
- 5. Submission Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**

## Benefits of Presenting:

**Promotion:** Session presenters' biographies and credentials will be featured on APPA's event website and in the 51st Annual Conference App.

**Special Sessions:** Innovative topics and groundbreaking research will be selected to present in a special mainstage session. Ten to twelve session proposals will be selected, and these presentations will be highlighted on APPA's social media.

**Recognition:** Session presenters' expertise will be acknowledged by APPA and other industry professionals.

**Networking Opportunities:** Session presenters will have the chance to network with peers and industry leaders.

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## Training Institute Presentation Should Relate to One or More of the Following:

- 1. Community Supervision:** Agency operations and supervision or decision-making for those who are on probation or parole and related case planning, assessments, reporting, and interventions.
- 2. Gender Issues and Diversity:** Addresses supervising and/or working with individuals with various gender identities including multicultural and multigenerational workforces.
- 3. Health and Wellness:** Stress management and vicarious trauma for professionals in the field and office.
- 4. International:** Community corrections issues including but not limited to advancing practices, administrative/policy innovations, juvenile and family justice innovations, restorative justice, and behavioral health from an international standpoint.
- 5. Judicial:** Community corrections professionals working within a court system and policies and procedures related to courts.
- 6. Juvenile Justice:** Issues, programs, and policies dealing with individuals under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- 7. Leadership and Management:** Professional development for executive and middle management.
- 8. Local Issues:** Programs and policies specific to an agency or jurisdiction near the training site.
- 9. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder:** Working with individuals with mental health or substance use issues.
- 10. Pretrial:** Agency operations and/or the supervision of defendants prior to trial or court adjudication or in diversion programs.

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11. **Prevention:** Lowering recidivism, programs to prevent crime and re-offending, and restorative justice.
12. **Reentry:** Planning and programming for individuals released from prisons, jails, or residential placement.
13. **Reform:** The reduction of recidivism through structural change to the community corrections field.
14. **Research/Evidence-based Practices:** Presentation of data collection and analysis, evidence-based practices, outcomes, and programs.
15. **Officer Safety:** Safety for professionals in the field and office.
16. **Technology:** Tools used for supervision, monitoring, and testing.
17. **Tribal Issues:** Addresses issues related to planning for home reentry programs and barriers for tribal probation officers in Indigenous jurisdictions.
18. **Veterans' Issues:** Issues related to veterans who have become involved in the criminal justice system including mental health issues, substance use, PTSD, and how supervision and treatment should be specialized to this population.
19. **Victim Issues:** Addressing victims, restitution, offenders as victims, Prison Rape Elimination Act, Human Trafficking Prevention Act, and Violence Against Women Act.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Corporate members are guaranteed one workshop each calendar year, provided the subject matter is deemed appropriate for the program and aligns well with other presentations. If you have any questions regarding submissions, please contact Joshua Nelsen, APPA Professional Development Manager, via [jnelson@csg.org](mailto:jnelson@csg.org) or 859.244.8236.

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## Submission Guidelines:

To meet accreditation requirements (Social Work, Substance Use Counselors, CLE), please provide:

- **Modality and Length:** Specify In-Person, Virtual (pre-recorded), or Both as well as indicating a 60 min, 90 min, or 4-hour intensive session.
- **Session Title:** Clear and attention-grabbing, (please note that APPA reserves the right to change or adjust the session title).
- **Session Description:** Max 150 words, (please be aware that APPA reserves the right to modify the session description).
- **Activity (highly recommended):** Describe any activities that will be used in the presentation. While activities will not be listed in the program, they will assist with presentation selection. Preference will be given to skill-based presentations that involve participant engagement (e.g., group activities to discuss potential steps for implementing the described program at their home agency) or present new research relevant to the field of community corrections.
- **Training Objectives:** Describe the measurable skills, knowledge, and/or new capabilities that participants will gain as a result of the session (e.g., at the end of the training, participants will be able to identify five out of ten causes of suicide). List a minimum of three training objectives. Ensure that your objectives are S.M.A.R.T. and incorporate Bloom's Taxonomy.
- **Faculty Information:** Provide the name, title, agency, address, phone number, and email for all proposed presenters and moderators. Submissions that lack any of this information will not be considered.
- **Faculty Biography:** Include a brief biography for each faculty member describing relative experience and credentials. Please keep the total length of the biographies at 200 words maximum.
- **Primary Contact:** Provide the name and complete contact information (including email address) of the person submitting the session proposal if they are not listed as a presenter or moderator.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** APPA reserves the right to move this training institute to a digital setting based on safety and health needs. If such a change occurs, presenters will be informed throughout the process as the situation demands.

## Presenters:

To be considered, submit your workshop proposal here:

**SUBMIT**

**Submission Deadline:**

**Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 by 5:00 PM (ET)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** APPA will contact presenters of the session(s) in late May 2026 to indicate the selection decision. If you have any questions regarding submissions, please direct them to Joshua Nelsen, APPA Professional Development Manager, via [jnelson@csg.org](mailto:jnelson@csg.org) or 859-244-823

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