

December 14, 2016



Dear NLN Participants,

The time is drawing near for our meeting that will be taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Redondo Beach, CA. While it is hard to believe, we will be seeing you in about a month. We have attached a draft agenda with objectives and reading assignments with this email. At this point we also have a few requests to ask of you in preparation for the meeting.

1) Abstracts

We are looking forward, as usual, to hearing about all that you have accomplished during the past year. To organize our "sharing session" and maximize information exchange, we would like to ask each of you, as we have done in the past, to please write a brief abstract so that your NLN colleagues can get a preview of what you have been up to during the past year.

As before, we will compile these abstracts and post them to the Western MCH Nutrition Partners website: <http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu>. You may click on "NLN Annual Meetings," and then click on "NLN Meeting 2017" to review them prior to February 2nd. We will be sure to post them in an easy-to-download format should you want to bring a print copy with you to the meeting. In an effort to be greener, we will not be providing copies at the meeting.

If you have more than one project that you would like to share, you may submit additional abstracts. However, because our sharing time is limited and we want everyone to have a chance to speak, please select just one project that you would like to focus on for the purposes of our discussion. If there is more than one person/project from your state, please prioritize among yourselves about which to present in case time is short.

Once the abstracts are posted, we would like to ask you to look them over and think about the types of questions you would like to ask of your fellow NLN members. The deadline for abstract submission is **Monday, January 9th**. Please submit your abstracts to Jasmine Mercado at: jasmine.mercado91@gmail.com in Microsoft Word format, 1" margins, 300 words or fewer, and 12 pt. Times New Roman font. The abstracts from last year can also be viewed at:

<http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu/western-nln/nln-sharing-session-abstracts-2016>

The abstract should include:

- Title
- People involved in project and their organizational affiliation
- Background/Introduction
- Project Goals
- Methods
- Results
- Summary/Discussion

2) Preparation for Adverse Childhood Experiences Workshop

Follow the link below to complete a needs assessment which will be used to design this workshop to address the needs of our attendees. This survey will take about 10 minutes of your time.

[Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)

3) Preparation for Engaging Millennials in Health Care workshop

Follow the link below to complete a needs assessment which will be used to design a workshop that will address the needs of our attendees. This survey will take about 10-15 minutes of your time.

[Challenges to Engaging Millennials in Healthcare](#)

4) Preparation for Leadership Day: Straight Talk: Communication Seminar

Follow the link below for to complete a survey that will help shape the context of the seminar. This should only take about 15 minutes of your time. Please bring the results of your survey with you to the NLN meeting. Optionally, you may also ask your work team to complete the surveys and bring their results with you for discussion.

[Straight Talk Needs Assessment](#)

You can find all pertinent meeting information posted at our website:

<http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu>,

Click on "NLN Annual Meetings" and then click on "NLN Meeting 2017". We will also be posting additional information regarding the meeting site, ground transportation, as well as other details along with the final agenda in the coming weeks.

Wishing you all very Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



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