

2017 CQI Conference - In Pursuit of Quality: Data Literacy
Illinois CQI Community Group
November 7-8, 2017 | Champaign, Illinois



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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Deadline for Submission: May 26, 2017

“Continuous quality improvement (CQI) is the complete process of identifying, describing, and analyzing strengths and problems and then testing, implementing, learning from, and revising solutions. It relies on an organizational culture that is proactive and supports continuous learning. CQI is firmly grounded in the overall mission, vision, and values of the agency. Perhaps most importantly, it is dependent upon the active inclusion and participation of staff at all levels of the agency, children, youth, families, and stakeholders throughout the process.” (*Using Continuous Quality Improvement to Improve Child Welfare Practice - A Framework for Implementation*, Casey Family Programs and the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement, May 2005)

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois CQI Community Group invites you to submit a proposal for the 3rd Annual CQI Community Conference - *In Pursuit of Quality: Data Literacy*. As CQI is the process of using data to assess and improve services, it is of utmost importance that data are presented, interpreted, and applied in the most clear and reliable manner possible within a clear and defined context.

The CQI Community Group is a network of Illinois CQI professionals dedicated to expanding expertise, learning from each other, and increasing capacity in order to improve outcomes for children and families. The conference will be held November 7-8, 2017, at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign, Illinois.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

We are looking for a dynamic variety of workshops to enlighten human service professionals (primarily CQI staff, but also including leadership and direct service staff from community-based, academic and government settings) on a variety of Data Literacy topics. The following is a list of *suggested* topics:

- Data quality and reliability
- Data management (collection and storage)
- Data visualization
- Data privacy
- Data compliance
- Data-driven decision making
- Storytelling with data
- Statistical literacy:
 - Correlation vs. causation
 - Confounders and lurking variables
- Statistical inference
- Working with messy data
- Exploratory data analysis
- Data as evidence

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The Illinois CQI Community group strives to promote diversity among workshop presenters and attendees in terms of professional affiliation (government, academic, or agency professional), agency size (small, medium, or large), and geography. We welcome proposals from those working in and outside of Illinois. Collaborative workshops representing multiple organizations are also encouraged.

We ask that you avoid the straight lecture-type presentations in favor of highly interactive and/or hands-on workshops that have proven successful in previous conferences. Well-thought-out and well-designed workshops with concrete tools and solutions are sure to provide attendees with the best experience possible. Workshops with similar content or themes may be combined into panel presentations.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ❖ Proposals are due **May 26, 2017**
 - Complete the proposal application online: <https://goo.gl/forms/JOdriwVryH0cPT142>
Application criteria and requirements are listed below.
 - E-mail your resume and a draft of your slides or presentation outline to:
CQICommunity@gmail.com
- ❖ Proposals will be selected and presenters notified by the end of June 2017
- ❖ Conference in Champaign, IL - November 7-8, 2017

WORKSHOP ELEMENTS:

The following is a list of preferred elements for all workshops:

- ❖ **Goals of the Workshop:** Identify learning goals for participants who attend your workshop
- ❖ **Encourage Active Learning:** Identify methods you will use to encourage active learning (participatory) versus passive learning (listening)
- ❖ **Practical Tools:** Attendees will be looking for practical tools to understand, organize and implement a fully-functional CQI system at their agency
- ❖ **Best Practices and Relevant Research:** Identify best practices and/or research that will help participants be leaders within their organizations
- ❖ **Handouts:** Use of handouts during your workshop will help attendees follow your presentation, and can provide suggestions for further resources, including a bibliography
- ❖ **Q&A:** Allow time for questions and answers from participants
- ❖ **Target Audience:** Identify whether the workshop will be geared toward CQI beginners (Foundation), toward those who have been in CQI for a number of years and need more than beginner information (Intermediate), or toward more advanced practitioners (Advanced)

Submit questions to CQICommunity@gmail.com

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PROPOSAL CONTENT (Complete online: <https://goo.gl/forms/JOdriwVryH0cPTI42>)

PRESENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Presenter (Individual with whom all communication will occur)				
Name		Degree(s)		
Presenter Title				
Organization				
Address				
City		State		Zip Code
Phone		E-mail		

Co – Presenter(s)				
Name		Degree(s)		
Presenter Title				
Organization				
Address				
City		State		Zip Code
Phone		E-mail		

TOPIC(S) OF FOCUS (check all that apply):

- Data Quality
- Data Management
- Data Visualization
- Statistical Literacy
- Data Privacy
- Data Compliance
- Data as Evidence
- Storytelling with Data
- Data-Driven Decision-Making
- Other: _____

DURATION OF WORKSHOP (check one):

- 45 Minutes
- 60 Minutes
- 90 Minutes
- 120 Minutes

MATERIAL NEEDS:

- LCD Projector
- Flip-Chart with Markers
- Other

Speakers should provide handouts and be prepared to make slides available electronically via the Illinois CQI Community website following the conference.

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WORKSHOP PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Title of Workshop:**
2. **Brief Workshop Summary (this will be included in the Conference Program, 50 words or less):**
3. **Abstract (150 words or less):**
4. **Describe how the workshop fits within the conference theme and goals:**
5. **Target Audience/Level (choose one):**
 Foundation **Intermediate** **Advanced**
6. **Learning Objectives:**
7. **Presenter(s) CV or Resume (e-mail as attachment to CQICommunity@gmail.com)**
8. **Draft slides or presentation outline (e-mail as attachment to CQICommunity@gmail.com)**