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CALL FOR PAPERS

NAWRS 45th Annual Workshop

The National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS), the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty invite you to submit proposals for research papers, panels, and roundtable discussions on current research about welfare and other human services programs for the NAWRS 45th Annual Workshop. The workshop will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, August 28-31, 2005. This year's theme is:

Reweaving the Safety Net

The demand for human services has risen in many states over the past few years: state welfare, food stamp, jobs, and medical assistance programs have all enrolled more people during a time of increasing unemployment, and many states report increased homelessness and use of food pantries. At the same time, budget pressures in many states have become significant. Simultaneously, the private sector is reducing contributions to health insurance for workers and retirees and pension plans with defined benefits are becoming rarer. Under these circumstances, policy makers are asking: What should a safety net look like? What role might the government play in an environment where workers and families are assuming an ever-larger share of the risks associated with the global economy? How can the traditional state-sponsored assistance to the poor be used or reorganized to operate the most effectively in this changing world?

The NAWRS Annual Workshop promotes the exchange of ideas on the collection, analysis, presentation, and application of data from applied research on topics of interest to the human services community. It provides a forum to establish and renew professional relationships, share experiences, and explore ways in which research can contribute to the development and administration of more effective human services programs. NAWRS Annual Workshop attendees include administrators, analysts, and researchers of human services programs at the state, local and federal levels, as well as interested academics and consultants. We welcome abstracts of completed research and/or methodological presentations in broad areas of human services. Particular topics of interest this year include:

- Service Integration
- TANF and WIA Reauthorization
- Child Well-Being and Protective Services
- Homelessness and Housing Issues
- Child Support
- Job Retention and Advancement
- Marriage Initiatives
- Food Insecurity and Food Stamps
- Incarceration and Prisoner Re-Entry
- Sanctions and Time Limits
- Faith-Based Initiatives
- Barrier Identification and Work Supports
- Medicaid and SCHIP
- Child Care
- Poverty Research and Its Relationship to Policy
- Data Collection and Reporting Issues
- Performance-based Contracting and Performance Measurement
- Research Strategies and Methodologies

Deadline to submit proposals:

Proposals must be postmarked no later than **May 9, 2005**.

Proposal requirements:

Proposals should be approximately 500 words or less. **Each proposal must include the following (please follow the format listed below):**

- Title of the presentation
- Name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address for each presenter (who will actually be presenting)
- Name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address for all *co-authors* (who will *not* be presenting)
- Type of presentation (individual, panel, complete concurrent session, roundtable discussion, or poster session)
- Brief summary of the presentation, including purpose, methodology or approach, key findings or conclusions, whether the research is a work in progress, completed, or has been published previously (preference will be given to completed, or nearly completed, projects)

Instructions for proposal submittal:

Please submit proposals by e-mail to the Program Chair at programchair@nawrs.org (If necessary, proposals can be mailed or faxed to Ingrid Rothe at the address or fax number provided on the letterhead above.)

Notification of acceptance:

Presenters will be notified by June 20, 2005 of the acceptance status of their proposals. Electronic versions of completed papers will be due one week before the start of the conference. The papers will be published on the NAWRS website at www.nawrs.org.

General information about NAWRS Workshop presentations:

- Concurrent sessions of approximately 90 minutes each will run throughout the conference with each session usually including two or three presentations. Individual presentations should last approximately 20 minutes in panels with three presenters.
- Computers and projectors will be provided for PowerPoint Presentations, as will overhead projectors for overhead transparencies.
- **NAWRS requires that all presenters register and pay the conference fee. This year's conference fee is \$375. Payment is required before your paper will be listed in the official program.**
- Questions about this Call-for-Papers should be addressed to Ingrid Rothe at (608) 262-6382 or programchair@nawrs.org. Questions about the Annual Workshop should be addressed to Philip Klein (608) 266-3034, or nawrs2005@nawrs.org.

The Annual Workshop setting:

Attendees of the Annual Workshop will stay at the Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club in Madison, Wisconsin. The hotel is one block from the State Capitol and one block from State Street. This street is an area containing unique shopping options, museums and several dining and entertainment venues. Phase 1 of the new world-class Overture Center for the Arts, made possible by a private contribution of \$205 million and designed by architect Cesar Pelli, is also only one block away on State Street. Also visit the visitmadison.com web site for other offerings.