

**SAVE the DATES: OCTOBER 8 – 9, 2015**

**29th Annual SUPPORTED LIFE CONFERENCE:**

***Supported Life 2015:***

***“Ready or Not ~ Change is Coming!”***

***Crowne Plaza Hotel ~ Sacramento CA***

*Empowering All People with Developmental Disabilities to be Fully Included in the Community*

**Presented By Supported Life Institute & SCDD Sacramento Office**

Hear a Variety of Important Speakers in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

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**Schools**

Early Childhood  
Social & Emotional  
Development  
Inclusive Education  
Valuing Diversity  
Community Based  
Instruction

**Transition**

... To Independence  
... To Jobs and Careers  
... To Continuing Education  
... To Adulthood & Adult Services  
... From Early Start

**Employment**

Customized Employment  
Inclusive Employment  
Innovative Job Development  
Microenterprise / Self-Employment  
Natural Supports

**Personal Power & Rights**

Advocacy & Self-Advocacy  
Boardsmanship & Facilitation  
Criminal Justice Issues  
Person-Centered Planning  
Rights & Responsibilities  
Making Your Own Choices

**Communication / AAC**

Assistive Technology  
Computer Access  
Facilitated Communication  
Literacy

**Living / Community**

Full Community Participation  
Housing/ Accessible & Affordable  
Individualized Support  
Innovative Living Options  
Transportation Issues

**Policy & Legislation**

Community Organizing  
Meeting w/ Legislators / Lobbying  
Political Action  
Voting & Elections  
Grassroots Advocacy

**Relationships**

Abuse Prevention  
Friendships  
Sexuality

**Family Supports**

Early Intervention  
Retirement / Aging  
Siblings  
Navigating the System  
Trust Management  
Social Security &  
Health Benefits

**Organizational or Staff Development**

Grant Writing  
Fundraising  
Staff Retention  
Staff Training & HR  
Organizational Restructuring

**Health & Wellness**

Exercise / Diet / Nutrition  
End-of-Life Planning & Care  
Health Care Advocacy  
Positive Behavioral Supports  
Mental Health Services



# Request for Session Proposals

SUPPORTED LIFE 2015 Conference (October 8-9, 2015):  
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## Session Presenter Proposals

Deadline: **Monday 5/21/15**

The conference planning team welcomes session proposals from individuals & agencies for Supported Life 2015.

Sessions are 60 to 70 minutes long (please be prepared for either until assigned)

Proposals received by 5/21/15 are reviewed by planning committee for 2015 Supported Life Conference.

Apply **ONLINE** at [www.supportedlife.org](http://www.supportedlife.org)

or by **EMAIL**: [afaletti@supportedlife.org](mailto:afaletti@supportedlife.org) or **FAX**: 916-567-1977

or **MAIL** to: Supported Life Institute,

1010 Hurley Way, Ste 180, Sacramento, CA 95825 (New Office Address)

Please send us your:

1. **Session Title** (8 words or less)
2. **Lead Presenter Info**: Name / Affiliation?, Address (include Zip), Phone Numbers (Day & Evening), Email (if any)  
Note if you are: Family member, Person with disability, Professional (or "Other" - explain)
3. **General topic area**: Please see general topic areas on previous page
4. May we assign you for "**Either Conference Day**"? or note "**Thur 10/8**" or "**Fri 10/9**" if only available one day
5. If there are other presenters, please provide for each:  
**Co-Presenters Names, Affiliations, Email** for each & Note  
Family member, Person with disability, Professional (or "Other" - explain)
6. **Session Summary** (50-100 words)
7. **Brief Resume / Bio / Personal History** of Lead Presenter
8. **Session Objectives**: 3 brief one-sentence descriptions of what attendees will learn from your session.



## Notes for Session Applicants

**Deadline: Thursday, May 21, 2015**

- A. Presenters **DO** pay registration fees. But See C below
- B. **Acceptance Letters** sent by July 15th to **Lead Presenters** (& for you to distribute to any co-presenters) with Final Presenter Forms to complete (due Aug 15) with A/V requests, preferred Introduction & any Session or Presenter Changes
- C. A **Speaker on-time Discount** available for:  
up to **3 presenters per accepted session who complete Final Presenter Forms & pay by Aug. 15th.**  
**Accepted Speakers' July 15th on-time Discount:**  
= professionals pay only **\$125** (both days) or **\$70** (session day) - *less than half of regular conference price*  
= people with disabilities or family members pay just **\$65** (both days) or **\$40** (session day) - *1/3 of non-speaker fee*
- D. Most **A/V Requests** are offered at **no cost to you** **if** we receive your **completed Final Presenter Forms by 8/15/15**  
We will send Final Presenter Forms to accepted presenters by July 15th.
- E. Since the Supported Life Conference is a **Professional and Inclusive conference**, please note that:
  - sessions will have a **diverse audience** including people with disabilities, family members, and professionals with widely **varying** amounts of experience in the field
  - we encourage proposals which **include** people with disabilities / family members as presenters
  - we encourage **hands-on, practical** information and techniques to be presented, as well as personal **stories**.

**Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference...**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel - Sacramento**  
**October 8 – 9, 2015**

**“A Place to Train Your Staff - in an Inclusive Environment”**

- ... Learn** from our unique mix of attendees & speakers
- ... Hear** success stories, challenges, state-of-the-art services
- ... Choose** introductory and/or in-depth training
- ... Experience** multiple perspectives including from:  
professionals, families, self-advocates

***Session to Propose?***

You are invited to submit a session proposal for this year's conference  
**See Details on Page 2...**

**Session Proposals due Mon. 5/21/15**



***Conference  
Planning Team***

**CDCAN (CA Disability Community Action Network)**  
**Choices Transitional Services**  
**CES (Community and Employment Services)**  
**Connections For Life**  
**Crunch Corrales**  
**Department of Developmental Services**  
**Family Resource Centers Network of CA**  
**NorthStar Services**  
**PACE Solano**  
**Sacramento City Unified School District**  
**Sacramento County Office of Education**  
**SCDD Sacramento Office**

**Want to be a cosponsor?**  
**Call 916-567-1974 for details**