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**Save-The-Date Postcard**

**And Request for Conference Session Proposals**

2025 Hurley Way, Ste. 105

Sacramento, CA 95825

38th Annual **Supported Life Conference: Oct. 17 - 18, 2024**

**“Empowering** Independence: Innovation is at the Heart”

Note in Your Calendar - - - JOIN US for This 2-Day

In-Person Conference held at the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel ...

> Apply to be a Speaker > Look for Registration Materials >

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 38th Annual

Supported Life Conference

Empowering All People with Developmental Disabilities

To be Fully Included in the Community

 Thursday - Friday, October 17 - 18 2024

 Session Speaker Applications Needed by June 5th

“A Place to Train Your Staff

in an Inclusive Environment”

Apply To be a Speaker OnLine

Deadline: June 5, 2024

Topic Areas:

· Communication /AAC

· Diversity

· Employment

· Family Supports

· Grassroots & Political Advocacy

· HCBS

· Health & Wellness

· Organizational/Staff Development

· Personal Power & Rights

· Relationships

· Schools

· Self-Determination

· Supported / Independent Living

· Transition

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**Presented By Supported Life Institute**

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Topics in areas such as:

Employment topics:

Customized Employment

Discovery Process

Innovative Inclusive Employment

Microenterprise / Self-Employment

Minimum Wage / SB 639

Person-Centered Planning /Thinking

topics on Transition:

… To Independence

… To Jobs and Careers

… To Continuing Education

… To Adulthood & Adult Services

… From/To Hybrid Environments

Schools topics:

Community Based Instruction

Changing Classroom Experience

Early Childhood / Early Start

Inclusive Education

Valuing Diversity

Personal Power and Rights topics:

**Self-Determination Program**

Advocacy & Self-Advocacy

Boardsmanship & Facilitation

Changing Service Disparities

Criminal Justice Issues

Rights & Responsibilities

Health and Wellness topics:

Abuse-Prevention

End-of-Life Planning & Care

Exercise / Diet / Nutrition

Mental Health Supports

Positive Behavioral Supports

Self-Care Focus

Family Support topics:

Early Intervention

Future Caregiver Planning

Investments & Benefits

Navigating the System

Siblings

Trust Management

Policy and Legislation topics:

Community Organizing

CMS Final Rule, HCBS & Inclusion

Ethnic Disparities Organizing

Lobbying & Political Action

Social, Recreation, Camp

Voting & Elections

Social and Recreational topics:

**New Funding & Services**

Community Connections

Dating & Sexuality

Friendships

Recreation & Leisure Relationship-Building

Community Living topics:

**Housing: Accessible & Affordable**

Cultural Diversity Support

Community-Building

Individualized Support

Supported & Independent Living

Transportation Issues

Organizational and Staff Development topics:

**HCBS Transition Planning**

**Staff Hiring & Retention**

DSP Staff Training & HR

Grant Writing - Fundraising

Professional Development

Communication / AAC topics:

Assistive Technology

Computer Access

Literacy Training

Speech-Generating Devices

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 or **MAIL** to:

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**c/o 1209 Caricia Dr. Davis, CA 95618**

 Please send us your:

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 2. **Lead Presenter** Info: Name / Affiliation?, Address (include Zip),

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. . . **Train Your Staff - in an Inclusive Environment”**

. . . **Learn from** **our unique mix of attendees & speakers**

. . . **Hear success stories, challenges, quality inclusive services**

. . . **Choose introductory and/or in-depth training**

. . . **Experience multiple** **perspectives including from:**

 **professionals, families, self-advocates**

***Conference Breakout Session to Propose?***

You are invited to submit a Breakout Session proposal...

**See Proposal above...**

**Session Proposals due 6/5/24**

**Notes for Session Applicants**

A. Presenters DO pay registration fees. But at a Big Discount! See C below

**B. Session YES or NO Notification** to **Lead Presenters** by **mid-July will have Final Presenter Forms for those selected - forms & payments due Aug. 10th** - incl. A/V requests, preferred Intro method & any Session or Presenter Changes

**C. Note: Reduced Speaker Fees! Offered for** up to **3 presenters per accepted session**

 **who complete Final Presenter Forms & pay by Aug. 10th.**

 = professionals, people with disabilities, and family members each pay only

 **$60** (both days) or **$30** (session day)

***(Speaker discount is only available to those whose forms are received by the deadline)***

D. Most **A/V Requests** offered **at no cost to you**

 **if** we receive **completed Final Presenter Forms by 8/10/24**

E. Since Supported Life Conference is **Professional and Inclusive conference**, please note that:

 - accessible technical info is encouraged: audience is **diverse,** incl. people with disabilities,

 family members, & professionals with widely **varying** amounts of experience in the field

 - we encourage proposals which **include** people w/ disabilities / family members as presenters

 - we encourage presenting of **hands-on,** **practical** info & techniques, and personal **stories**.

**Interested in being an individual or agency Cosponsor?
Call 916-567-1974 (Andy) for details**