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**Save-The-Date Postcard**

**And Request for Conference Session Proposals**

2025 Hurley Way, Ste. 105

Sacramento, CA 95825

**39th Annual**

**Supported Life Conference: Oct. 9 - 10, 2025**

**“Navigating Safe Passage through Changing Times”**

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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**“Navigating Safe Passage through Changing Times”**

**39th Annual**

**Supported Life Conference**

***Empowering All People with Developmental Disabilities***

***To be Fully Included in the Community***

**Thursday - Friday, October 9 - 10 2025**

 **Session Speaker Applications Needed by May 29th**

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

**Apply To be a Speaker OnLine**

**Deadline: May 29, 2025**

**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**

**916-567-1974**

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***Postcard Above.***

***Request for Proposals for Conference Sessions Below.***

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and Request for Session Proposals

***39th Annual*** SUPPORTED LIFE CONFERENCE:

**Supported Life 2025:**

**“Navigating Safe Passage … through Changing Times”**

*Empowering All People with Developmental Disabilities*

*to be Fully Included in the Community*

**Wyndham Sacramento Hotel ~ Sacramento, CA**

**Presented By Supported Life Institute**

**Hear a Variety of Important Voices in the Field of Developmental Disabilities**

Employment topics:

**Customized Employment**

**Minimum Wage / SB 639**

Discovery Process

Innovative Inclusive Employment

Microenterprise / Self-Employment

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:

**Inclusive Education**

Community Based Instruction

Changing Classroom Experience

Early Childhood / Early Start

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:

**Self-Care Focus**

Abuse-Prevention

End-of-Life Planning & Care

Exercise / Diet / Nutrition

Mental Health Supports

Positive Behavioral Supports

Family Support topics:

**Trust Management**

**Navigating the System**

Early Intervention

Future Caregiver Planning

Investments & Benefits

Siblings

Policy and Legislation topics:

**Community Organizing**

**Lobbying & Political Action**

**Federal & State Funding Challenges**

Ethnic Disparities Organizing

Agencies & Rate Reform

Voting & Elections

Social and Recreational topics:

**Community Connections**

Dating & Sexuality

Friendships

New Funding & Services

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:

**Staff Hiring & Retention**

**HCBS Transition Planning**

DSP Staff Training & HR

Grant Writing - Fundraising

Professional Development

Communication / AAC topics:

**Speech-Generating Devices**

Assistive Technology

Computer Access

Literacy Training

**Request for Session Proposals**

**SUPPORTED LIFE 2025 Conference (October 9 - 10, 2025)**

**“Navigating Safe Passage**

 **through Changing Times”**

**Presenter Proposals - Breakout Sessions**

Deadline:  **May 29, 2025**

The conference planning team **welcomes session proposals**

**from individuals & agencies** for Supported Life 2025!

Sessions are generally 60-70 minutes long.

Proposals received **by 5/29/25** are reviewed by planning committee.

**Apply ONLINE at www.supportedlife.org**

or by **EMAIL: afaletti@supportedlife.org**

 or **MAIL** to:

**Supported Life Institute**

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

 Please send us your:

 1. Session **Title** (8 words or less)

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

 **Email** Address, **Phone** Numbers (Day & Evening),

 **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 “**Either Conference Day“**? (or note if only “**Thur 10/9”** or “**Fri 10/10”)**

 5. If there are other presenters, please provide for each:

 **Co-Presenters Names, Affiliations, Email** for each & Note if

 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

FAQ:

 -Presenters selected **Do** pay registration fees.

 -BUT at a **Major Discount** (See Details – next page) . . .

**Our 39th Annual Supported Life Conference...**

**Wyndham Sacramento Hotel** - Sacramento, CA

**October 9 - 10, 2025**

**This Conference Is:**

**“A Place to**

. . . **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 Questions on Page 2...**

**Session Proposals due 5/29/25**

**Notes for Session Applicants**

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

**B. Our Session ‘YES’ or ‘NO’ Notification** to **Lead Presenters** by **mid-July has Final Presenter Forms for those selected - forms & payments due Aug. 4th** - including A/V requests and 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. 4th.**

 = 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 Final Presenter Forms in by 8/4/25**

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**.

F. For this year’s All-in-Person 2-day Conference:
 - Presenters must be **in person.**

 - There is **No virtual component for this year’s event.**

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