**28th Annual California**

**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**Friday & Saturday**

**May 17th & 18th, 2024**

“**Self-Advocacy: Reaching for the Stars**”

**2-Day In-Person Conference**

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5321 Date Ave.

**Sacramento, CA**

***Supported Life Institute c/o 1209 Caricia Drive, Davis, CA 95618 916-567-1974 info@supportedlife.org***

**28th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY, May 17, 2024**

**8:00**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**9:00 WELCOME**

**Featuring:**

**Jordan Kamnitzer**

**Keynote:**

**“Making Life Magical”**

**Cody Clark**

**Cody Clark Magic, Self-Advocate**

**Public Speaker, Entertainer**

**Louisville, Kentucky Keynote:**

**“Making Life Magical”**

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**Louisville, Kentucky**

**10:00 Check Out the**

**INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE**

**10:30 Kelso Self-Advocacy Training Theater**

**Sponsored by George F. Kelso Foundation**

**10:30 SESSION # 1**

**11:45**

**LUNCH**

**12:55 SESSION # 2**

**2:00 SESSION # 3**

**3:30 SELF-ADVOCACY**

**TALENT SHOWCASE**

**DJ Maverick Adam Haynes**

**6:00 DINNER**

**7:30 Evening Events**

**to CONCERT**

**and**

**9:00 SING-ALONG with**

**JORDAN KAMNITZER**

**9:00 END OF DAY 1**

**SATURDAY, May 18, 2024**

**8:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**9:00 WELCOME**

**Featuring: Statewide Self Advocacy**

**Conference Committee**

**Keynote:**

**“Living Your Best Advocate Life”**

**Jackie Armstrong**

**Self-Advocacy Leader**

**Public Speaker**

**Carmichael, California Keynote:**

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**Self-Advocacy Leader**

**Public Speaker**

**Carmichael, California**

**10:00 INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE**

**10:30 Kelso Self-Advocacy Training Theater**

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**10:30 SESSION # 4**

**(including Zumba!)**

**11:45 LUNCH**

**12:55 SESSION # 5**

**2:00 SESSION # 6**

**(including Zumba!)**

**3:15 Closing: “SONG SELECTIONS”**

**MICHAEL J. VALCOUR**

**3:30 FREE**

**RAFFLE DRAWING**

**3:45 END OF CONFERENCE**

**The Statewide Conference**

**Planning Team Thanks You !**

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

***www.facebook.com/supportedlife***

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Wyndham Hotel**

5321 Date Ave.

Sacramento, CA 95841

**A special rate of $139.00 per night as available** for those attending **The Statewide Self Advocacy Conference**. All rooms are subject to city tax and tourism assessment: please see our **hotel reservation form for the exact totals**.

**(Conference Fees include Friday & Saturday Lunch and Friday Dinner)**

· To make reservations, **contact the Wyndham Hotel** directly **916-338-5800 ask for Reservations** and say: “Supported Life Institute 2024 Meeting.” To ensure receipt of this special rate, make reservations before **April 26, 2024.** There is plenty of **Free parking at the Hotel.**

**On Conference Mornings, the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel will offer a**

**Hot Breakfast Buffet for**

**$22.00 plus Tax and Tip.**

Mail your *Conference Registration Form* & *Emergency Contact Form* + check/money order to:

**"Supported Life Institute"**

**c/o 1209 Caricia Drive**

**Davis, CA 95618**

**Group Discount ! ! !**

**Groups: Register 5 people**

**& receive 1 support staff FREE**

**All Group Registrations Must Be Received Together**

**Conference registration**

**Cancellations/Substitutions:**

Written cancellations may be made until **April 26**, 2024 and will be refunded minus a 25% administrative fee.

Requests for refunds (incl. for “no-shows”) will not be accepted after April 26th

**With advance notice,**

**substitutions are welcome.**

The Supported Life Institute will send a written **confirmation** of your conference registration.

**Questions?**

Call the Supported Life Institute at

**(916) 567 - 1974 info@supportedlife.org**

**NOTE:** There may be a videographer/photographer at the conference taking videos/photos of conference activities. If you do not want your picture to be used, please let us know at the conference registration desk.

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE WYNDHAM SACRAMENTO HOTEL**

**From Airport to Hotel and back, options available: Taxis, Super Shuttle, Uber or Lyft.**

¨ Contact **ParaTransit 916-429-2009** about travel from **Airport** or **Greyhound or Amtrak** stations

to Hotel & back **if you use such a service where you live**

(best to call weeks ahead to register and set up a “client record,” if you are from out of town)

**Conference Sessions - The 28th Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**Friday May 17, 2024**

**Sessions #1 • *10:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.***

**Healthy U.**

**Sherri Douglas, Self-Advocate, Chico**

**How Self-Determination Changed My Life - and It Can Change Yours Santiago Villalobos, Self-Advocate, Downey**

**Board Inclusion - Beyond Tokenism**

**Bill Krebs, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**"Owning Your You" - Moving Into the Workforce with Transparency Harry Lane, Meristem's Transformative Autism Program Fair Oaks**

**Friday May 17, 2024**

**Sessions #2 • *12:55 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.***

**Do You Have Questions for Cody (Opening Keynote)?Cody Clark, Cody Clark Magic, Louisville, Kentucky**

**My Life Story - Growing Up**

**Minette Oliver, Self-Advocacy Council 6, Stockton**

**The Possible Dreamer: a Memorial Service for Andrea Fay Friedman Jordan Elliott Kamnitzer, Self-Advocate / Musician, Los Angeles**

**What Causes Deafness & How You Can Prevent It**

**Margie Garetz, Anaheim**

**How to Prepare for Emergencies, Know Your Rights, Stay Safe**

**Peter Mendoza, State Council on Dev. Disabilities, Sacramento**

**Friday May 17, 2024**

**Sessions #3 • *2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.***

**My Mom is a Self-Advocate**

**Samantha Wilhite, Executive Director, Connections For Life, Fairfield**

**My Life Story with Down Syndrome**

**Dena Pfeifer, Self-Advocacy Council 6, Stockton**

**CalABLE Accounts & Financial Literacy, Representative, CalABLE, Sacramento**

**My Paid Internship Program (PIP) Experience**

**Brandi Halstead, State Council on Dev. Disabilities, San Bernardino**

**Saturday May 18, 2024**

**Sessions #4 • *10:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.***

**You've Got a Friend in Me! Sharon &Vernae Talk About Friendship**

**The Arc San Francisco, Daly City / San Francisco**

**Making It Happen: How to Believe in Yourself**

**Daniel Meadows, Sacramento**

**Zumba for Health, Fitness, Fun (#1 of 2) Yulissa Arescurenaga, 1st Self-Advocate to be Certified Zumba Instructor, South San Francisco**

**Bridging the Gap: Equal Access to Reach for the Stars**

**Noe Dueñas, Fair Oaks**

**Saturday May 18, 2024**

**Sessions #5 • *12:55 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.***

**Family Bonds**

**Renard Stanford, Los Angeles**

**How to Prepare for Your IPP Meeting Representatives, Self-Advocacy Council 6 & Valley Mountain Reg. Center, Stockton**

**Legislative Advocacy 101: How to Talk With Legislators**

**Representatives, San Andreas Regional Center, San Jose**

**Confidence Through Storytelling: Sharing My Story**

**Pj Swan, Stockton**

**Breaking Barriers**

**Brittany Gaines, Shingles Springs**

**Saturday May 18, 2024**

**Sessions #6 • *2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.***

**Getting a Job in the Community Jackie Armstrong, Self-Advocate / Keynote , Carmichael**

**How to be an Effective Board Member Representatives, Self-Advocacy Council 6 & State Council on Dev. Disabilities, Stockton**

**Zumba for Health, Fitness, Fun (#2 of 2) Yulissa Arescurenaga, 1st Self-Advocate to be Certified Zumba Instructor, South San Francisco**

**Alta CA Reg. Ctr Presents ‘People Planning Together’**

**ACRC Client Advocates, Alta Calif. Regional Center, Sacramento**

**On Conference days , check schedule of times for our Refresh and Recharge Room;**

**and Kelso Self-Advocacy Training Theater (Sponsored by George F. Kelso Foundation).**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM – SIDE A (Side B Emergency Contact Over)**

**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference – May 17 and 18, 2024** (www.supportedlife.org)

**Early-Bird Discount Last Day: May 3rd, 2024 \***

**\*** If a Regional Center is paying your registration, they may have an earlier deadline.

**Please call your Regional Center right away**.

**Everyone who attends the conference must pay the registration fee.**

**This includes self-advocates, speakers, family members and support people.**

**1. NAME:**

**2. SELF-ADVOCACY GROUP (Optional):**

**3. ADDRESS:**

**4. CITY:**

**STATE:**

**ZIP CODE:**

**5. DAYTIME PHONE:**

**6.** Are you a:

**A-Self-Advocate**

**B-Family Member**

**C-Support Person**

**7.** When will you be coming:

**A-Both Days or**

**B-Fri 17th or**

**C-Sat 18th**

**8.** Do you use a wheelchair for mobility:  **Yes**  ** No**

**9.** Other accommodations you request from Conference: **(Must be Received by April 21, 2023)**

 **Sign language interpreting services  Accommodations for conference materials**

 **Vegetarian meals**   **Medically-Recommended Diet**

**10.** Conference Registration: (for Regional Center use only: **Vendor # : P63905**)

**Send this form w/payment to:**

Supported Life Institute, c/o 1209 Caricia Drive, Davis, CA 95618

Conference Registration Fee (Does not include hotel sleeping room)

Two Day Conference - Arrive Friday at 9:00 a.m.

(rates set by DDS)

$299.67 by 5/3/24

$316.01 After 5/3/24

One Day Conference - Arrive Either Day at 9:00 a.m.

(rates set by DDS)

$283.32 by 5/3/24

$299.67 After 5/3/24

Group Discount ! ! ! !

Groups: Register 5 people

& receive 1 support staff FREE

All Group Registrations Must Be Received Together

Buy 5 - Get 1 Free

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM – SIDE B**

The goal of the Conference Planning Committee is for everyone attending this year’s conference to have a positive, educational and safe experience. The information provided below will be kept for ready access by conference staff to be used in case of an emergency during the event.

**Individuals needing special assistance or supervision must be accompanied by a support person.**

**All supervision, medical, & personal care needs are the responsibility of each conference participant.**

1. **Name of Registrant** :

**Check if:**

**A-Self-Advocate**

B-**Family Member**

C-**Support Person**

**2. In case of serious emergency**, please list a contact person who is not attending the event and is available by phone during the general times and dates of the conference.

Name:

Relationship:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference – Fri. May 17th and Sat. May 18th, 2024**

**Credit Card?** (**You don’t need to fill out this form**)

Call the hotel directly - **916-338-5800 ask for Reservations,** mention the **“Supported Life Institute 204 Meeting”**

**Check or Money Order?**

**Complete this form**. Make check or money order **payable to “Wyndham Sacramento.”**

**Include confirmation code from hotel reservation.** Send this form w/the **total payment for all the people in the room** to: **Wyndham Sacramento Hotel, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841.** **Attn: Amanda Ortiz**

For **Regional Center Use Only** – **Vendor**: **Wyndham Sacramento Hotel** (**ZA6390**)

**1. NAME:**

**2. ADDRESS:**

3.  **CITY:**

**STATE:**

**ZIP CODE:**

**4. DAYTIME PHONE:**

**5. Arriving**:

**On Thursday, May 16 or**

**On Friday, May 17**

**6.** Do you request your room be “handicapped accessible:? **Yes**  **No**

**There are only a limited number of handicapped accessible rooms available.**

**The hotel will meet this request on a “first come, first served” basis.**

**7.** There will be (circle one): **1 2 3 4** people :

**For Thu & Fri or**

**For Thu only** **or**

**For Fri only**

**HOTEL RESERVATION FEES – Must be received at the Wyndham by 4/26/2024**

**Price includes: hotel room & taxes only**

**Wyndham Hotel will offer Hot Breakfast Buffet On Conference Mornings for $22.00 plus Tax and Tip**

**Friday Night Only**

$160.20/person **1 Person/Room** (1 bed/room)

$80.10/person **2 People/Room** (2 beds/room)

$53.40/person **3 People/Room** (2 beds/room)

$40.05/person **4 People/Room** (2 beds/room)

**Total Cost/Room for Friday Night Only:**

1-4 per rm. $160.20

**Thursday & Friday**

$320.40/person **1 Person/Room** (1 bed/room)

$160.20/person **2 People/Room** (2 beds/room)

$106.80/person **3 People/Room**  (2 beds/room)

$80.10/person **4 People/Room** (2 beds/room)

**Total Cost/Room for Thursday & Friday:**

1-4 per rm. $320.40

**8.** I am enclosing fees for the following reservation:

My Name:

Roommate # 1:

Roommate # 2:

Roommate # 3:

**Total Fees Enclosed: $**

Talent Show Form, if interested in applying:

Are you a: Singer? Dancer? Magician?

Are You Part of a Talented Group?

Talent Showcase

Evening with the Stars

FRIDAY NIGHT

Talent Show Space is Limited!

Send **by April 26th**

This Form Must be sent **with your Conference Registration**.

Talent Show Application

YOU must provide your own accompaniment and props.

Name:

# People in Act:

Name of Your Act:

Short Description of the Act:

Length of Act (# min)

Day Phone :

A/V: CD Player and Microphone will be available.

Talent Show Applicants will be notified if they have been one of the lucky few selected.

Talent Show applications postmarked after **April 26, 2024** may not be accepted.

**All Acts will be chosen with consideration given to**

**both the variety and the date the application was received.**