**29th Annual California**

**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**Friday & Saturday**

**May 9th & 10th, 2025**

Presented by: **Supported Life Institute**

“**Follow The Yellow Brick Road**

**to Self-Advocacy**”

**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 916-465-8560 info@supportedlife.org***

**29th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY, May 9, 2025**

**8:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**9:00 WELCOME**

***Featuring:Jordan Kamnitzer***

Keynote:

**“More than Just a Meeting:**

**Using Person-Centered Planning to**

**Live Life on Your Terms**”

**Alex Kimmel**

The SelfDeterminator

Speaker, Trainer, Self-Advocate

**10:00 Check Out the**

**INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE**

**10:30 "Lending Works Learning Theater”**

**Sponsored by Lending Works, Inc.**

**10:30 SESSION # 1**

**11:45**

**LUNCH**

**12:55 SESSION # 2**

**2:00 SESSION # 3**

**3:30 KARAOKE**

**6:30 DINNER**

**8:00 END OF DAY 1**

**SATURDAY, May 10, 2025**

**8:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**9:00**

**WELCOME**

**From Statewide Self Advocacy Conference Committee**

**Keynote:**

**“Running Red Lights:**

**Becoming my Best Self!"**

**Brandon Gruber**

**Artist, Public Speaker**

**TASH and Cal-TASH Board Member**

**Brentwood, California Keynote:**

**10:00 INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE**

**10:30 "LWI Learning Theater” - Day 2**

**Sponsored by Lending Works, Inc.**

**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**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Wyndham Hotel**

5321 Date Ave.

Sacramento, CA 95841

**Call 916-338-5800 and ask about current Conference Rate for**

**the “SLI Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference” by April 18th.**

Remember: all rooms are subject to city tax and tourism assessment:

Please see our **hotel reservation form for the exact totals**.

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

Plenty of **Free Parking at Hotel. Housekeeping? Ask Hotel about their current Housekeeping Policy.**

**On Friday and Saturday Morning,**

**the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel will offer a**

**Hot Breakfast Buffet for $22.00 - plus Tax and Tip.**

**Flying to Sacramento? Need to. . .**

**Upgrade with DMV by May 7th ! - for “REAL ID,” if you haven’t already !**

**Or Use a Passport. See Dept. of Homeland Security website: www.dhs.gov/real-id**

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 18**, 2025 and will be refunded minus a 25% administrative fee.

Requests for refunds (incl. for “no-shows”) will not be accepted after April 18th

**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) 465 - 8560 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 29th Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**Friday May 9, 2025**

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

**Relationships: A Happy and Loving One is the**

**Best to Have Herb Hastings, San Leandro**

**How Supported Employment Helped Me to**

**Get a Job Santiago Villalobos, Downey**

**Empowered Connections: Advocating for Yourself and Building Strong Relationships Brittanie Sanders, Davis**

**System Advocacy vs. Self-Advocacy**

**Alexa Guerrero, Rocklin**

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

**Working in the Calif. State Legislature & With Other Elected Officials Christopher Bennett, Napa**

**Preparing for Your IPP & the New IPP Template Erin Sigafoos, Self-Adv. Council 6 & Christine Couch, Valley Mtn Reg Ctr**

**Everything to Know about the Master Plan for Developmental Services Lisa Cooley, Rancho Cordova**

**“Self-Advocacy": 25 Years of a Timeless Anthem Jordan Elliott Kamnitzer, Speaker, Singer, Los Angeles**

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

**Possibilities!**

**Alex Kimmel, The SelfDeterminator, Detroit, Michigan**

**Living on Your Own - Being Independent Crystal Enyeart, Self-Adv Council 6 & Dena Hernandez, SCDD, Stockton**

**Telling My Journey in Life, Living with a Disability**

**Using Your CalABLE Account**

**Thomas Martin, CalABLE, Sacramento**

**This is What Good Support Looks Like - to Get and Keep a Job Robert Levy, Orangevale**

**Saturday May 10, 2025**

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

**Romantic Relationships**

**Renard Stanford, Los Angeles**

**Pursuing Dreams as a Community**

**Jessica Noble, Compass SLS and ILS, Redding**

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

**Alternatives to Conservatorships**

**Jackie Armstrong, Carmichael**

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

**Let's Work**

**Pj Swan, California Transition Alliance, Stockton**

**My Life Story of Advocacy and Being Pre-Diabetic**

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

**Living Your Best Life...Healthy U!**

**Sherri Douglas, Self-Advocate w/ Healthy U, Chico**

**My Life: A True Story - Living With Epilepsy**

**Herb Hastings, San Leandro**

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

**Finding Your Passion in Life**

**Brandon Gruber, TASH/Cal-TASH Board Member, Brentwood**

**Story of Me**

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

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

**Breaking Barriers, Building Voices: Peer-Led Self-Advocacy Training Out of the Box Squad, San Anselmo**

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

**and "Lending Works Learning Theater"**

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

**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference – May 9 and 10, 2025** (www.supportedlife.org)

**Early-Bird Discount Last Day: April 25, 2025 \***

**\*** 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 May 9th or**

**C- Sat May 10th**

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

**9. Other accommodations you request from Conference: (Must be Received by April 18, 2025)**

**o Sign language interpreting services o Accommodations for conference materials…**

**o Vegetarian meals o 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 4/25/25

$316.01 After 4/25/25

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

(rates set by DDS)

$283.32 by 4/25/25

$299.67 After 4/25/25

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 9th and Sat. May 10th, 2025**

**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 2025 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 8 or**

**On Friday, May 9**

**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 4/18/2025**

**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: $**

**(END)**