



NACDD
National Association of Councils
on Developmental Disabilities

We are pleased to announce our 2017 Annual Conference:

A Quality Life: Count Me In!

July 11-14, 2017
Hotel RL
Salt Lake City, Utah

The year's conference will feature important discussion on how advocates, family members and professionals are ensuring A Quality Life for all people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Participants will listen to experts, parents, siblings, and self-advocates on topics ranging from education, employment, first responder training, community building, healthcare and more

We invite those with knowledge and expertise working in the field of developmental disabilities to submit ideas for presentations related to the theme: ***A Quality Life: Count Me In!***

Plenary topics at the NACDD 2017 Annual Conference will focus on

- **Impact of public policy on people with disabilities**
Examples of potential breakouts could include, but are not limited to:
WIOA, HCBS rule, Self-Direction, Supported Decision-Making
- **Engagement of people with I/DD in their communities and beyond**
Examples of potential breakouts could include, but are not limited to:
Recreations, Paralympics, community building, advocacy
- **Innovation strategies to tackle barriers to quality**
Examples of potential breakouts could include, but are not limited to:
Caregiver crisis, transportation, supporting a self-advocacy organization

NACDD encourages your concurrent session submission to fit within the framework of 1 or 2 of these topical areas. Successful submissions should include sessions that highlight best or promising practices; lessons from implementation of federal laws into state policy; and successful strategies, tips and tools for self-advocates.

We are interested in receiving proposals that feature leadership strategies and skill building, self-advocates taking action on issues of importance, and sessions that provide in-depth information and knowledge about specific topics.

If you have a proposal/project/presentation that supports the conference theme, please complete the attached form and send it to Robin Troutman via email, rtroutman@nacdd.org by ***January 31, 2017***.

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Proposal Submission Guidelines

Please include the information below. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Proposer Contact Information

First Name/Last Name

Mailing Address

Phone/Fax/Email

Title

Affiliation

Title of Proposed Session:

Objectives (3 things attendees will learn):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Description of proposed session (this will be used as the description in the final program)

1. Include why this session is important and
2. How it is relevant to the theme of the conference:

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Please indicate if the proposed session features leadership strategies and information, in-depth information on a specific topic, or is geared toward self-advocates taking action.

If the session is about a specific project or research, please provide a description of the project or research and its outcomes (no more than 200 words)

Names and affiliations of presenter(s)

1. Panel submissions should include a unique description for each presenter -including a description of what that person contributes to the panel in terms of knowledge and expertise.

Full bios for each presenter (for inclusion in final program)

Additional Information:

If your presentation is accepted, you will be notified by **February 28, 2017** via email. At that point, you will need to confirm the proposal's accuracy and your intent to present. You will also be provided with a speaker packet which will serve as your conference registration and asks for your travel plans, special needs and accommodations, and any technology needs you may have. The speaker packet will also outline the process for having your presentation and handouts included on our conference website, which is the format we distribute session presentations and handouts.

Please note that speakers will not be charged a registration fee to present at the conference for your session only. However, if speakers wish to attend the full conference (sessions and meals), a registration fee will be charged for the days of attendance. All speakers are responsible for their own travel arrangements and lodging in Salt Lake City, Utah.