

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that this year Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day will be in person once again. It has been 35 years of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, which has evolved into the biggest conference for developmental disabilities. The past few years we held a virtual panel which was successful despite the pandemic. Over the years we have brought to the conference wonderful keynotes, entertainment, art room, vendor fair, awards, healthy you corner and so much more. However, it would not be a success without our presenters. Individuals, parents and professionals from the Western New York area have worked together to present a comprehensive, informative conference about developmental disabilities. In keeping with this tradition, we are pleased to announce the **35th “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day” Conference and Fair to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Niagara Conference & Event Center.**

We are currently looking for presentation submissions for the Conference. The Program Committee is seeking workshops that meet the needs of a diverse group of conference goers. Presentations that offer a collaborative, practical model that can be utilized by other individuals or programs with similar needs will be given preference. All presentations should be designed to last **45 minutes in length. Conference proposals, which are designed solely to promote an agency or an agency’s services, will not be considered.**

If you or someone else within your agency is interested in presenting, please complete the enclosed **Presentation Information Form and the Presenter Information Form.** The Program Committee will review all proposals. Each submission must include all of the requested information. The Committee will consider the following criteria when making their decision relevance to the conference attendees, practical application, past presentation experience, innovation and quality of the presentation content. We are also limiting the number of presenters for each workshop to a maximum of two. (You may have an additional two presenters however, lunch will only be provided for two presenters per workshop.) All contributors will be notified of the Program Committee’s decision by June 1 , 2023. Detailed conference arrangements will be sent at that time. All presenters selected for participation in the conference will have the registration fee waived and lunch up to two presenters will be provided.

Presentation information sheets **must be submitted to the program committee by Friday, May 12, 2023.**

Please e-mail all applications by the submission date to dddaymay@gmail.com If there is a hardship with e-mailing your submission please contact: Susan Kueker at 716-428-6524.



Presentation Information Sheet

Target Audience:

Persons with a disability _____ Director/Administrators _____ Clinicians _____
Family Members _____ Managers _____ Direct Support Professional _____
Other _____

Layout of Presentation is set up as Lecture Style Only

Equipment Needs:

**If you are using a PowerPoint presentation and would need a screen please indicate -
Yes ___ No ___**

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building

We do not provide projectors or laptop computers for PowerPoint presentations.

Type or Print Legible. All information needs to be completed on this form.

Presenters:

For each presenter list their title and agency affiliation for the Brochure

Presenter 1: Name _____ Title _____ Agency _____
E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Presenter 2: Name _____ Title _____ Agency _____
E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Presenter 3: Name _____ Title _____ Agency _____
E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Presenter 4: Name _____ Title _____ Agency _____
E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Presentation Title: _____

Description of the Presentation (75 words or less)

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Please send completed packets to: dddavmay@gmail.com **If you have additional questions please contact Susan Kueker at (716) 428-6524.**