



*Supported Life Institute
presents our:*

37th Annual Conference
SUPPORTED LIFE 2023



**Inspiring Unity
through
Common Goals and
Creativity:**

*Empowering All People
with Developmental Disabilities
to be Fully Included in the Community*

Oct. 26 – 27, 2023

Wyndham Sacramento

**"A Place to Train Your Staff
- - in an Inclusive Environment"**

Supported Life 2023
Inspiring Unity through
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Keynote Speakers



Joey Travolta born into a show business family, but starting as Special Education teacher, has directed & produced over 20 films. Founded Inclusion Films training people with all abilities in the art of filmmaking, passionately creating & finding jobs for people, plus building skills transferrable to other job opportunities.

Tony Anderson & Lori Banales

Executive Directors for neighboring Regional Centers Valley Mountain & Alta Calif. found common goals & now inspire us with a creative show of unity. They team up in cutting-edge efforts to make progress for Service Providers & regional centers in seeking quality staff & promoting the value of our work of creating community inclusion.



Harry Bruell CEO since 2017 of PathPoint, a large service provider in Central & Southern CA, has worked to promote employment since 1991 in various settings & populations. Serves on several Boards, including CDSA and CalAPSE. Father of a daughter with a mental health disability. He notes he is "still learning & growing!"

Don Perata of the Bay Area, a successful CA political leader, including 4 years as Leader of the State Senate. Often described as an advocate for people with disabilities, with mentally illness, & the elderly, he is known for bipartisanship efforts to address issues. He continues now to further policy advocacy in the field. Sen. Perata shares with us his experience on effective ways to create political change.



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Sharing ideas, improving access.



George F. Kelso Foundation

**Stephen Faletti
Thomas & Sonia Faletti**

Supported Life Conference:

*Professionals, Families, and Self-advocates
coming Together to
Learn about Supports for people to be
Fully Included in the community...*



Conference Registration 10 / 26-27 / 23

Register Online (supportedlife.org) **OR Use This Form**

Complete form. Mail w/ payment to Supported Life Institute. Copy & send separate reg. form for each applicant. (PRINT CLEARLY: -)

1. _____
Name

2. _____
Affiliation/Agency

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Address

4. _____
City, State, Zip

5. (_____) _____
Phone

6. _____
Email

7. Are you a: ☐ Professional ☐ Family Member
☐ Person w/ a Disability ☐ Other _____

8. ☐ Both Days ☐ Thurs Only ☐ Friday Only

9. Registration fees enclosed: \$ _____

10. Accommodations requested:
☐ Medically-recommended diet ☐ Vegetarian
☐ Sign language ☐ Alternative format (Braille, large print, pdf)
Please Specify Request (all requests for accommodations must be received at Supported Life Institute by 10/5/23):

11. Circle **choices** of sessions to attend (1 choice per session time).
On conference days, you still may attend alternative sessions.

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12. Mail this form, plus check or money order payable to: (sorry, credit cards only online)

“Supported Life Institute” (temp. confc. reg. address)
c/o 1209 Caricia Dr. **530-753-8215**
Davis, CA 95618 info@supportedlife.org

Registration Information

Thanks to generous support of Supported Life 2023 co-sponsors, we proudly **offer reduced registration fees for people w/ disabilities & family members** attending the conference.

We do ask people w/ disabilities & family members who **Work in the disabilities field** to request their agency pay Regular reg. fee to maximize cosponsor generosity.

<u>Conference registration includes:</u> – Lunch Thursday – Lunch Friday		EARLY Registration By Sept 29th	LATE Registration On-Site or After Sept 29th
Conference Regular Fee	2 days	\$285	\$310
Professionals	1 day only	\$225	\$255
Conference Reduced Fee	2 days	\$210	\$240
People w/ Dev. Disabilities & Family members	1 day only	\$150	\$175

SPECIAL RATE: one fee for
2 - Parent - same Family:
Also Vendors ACRC

\$225 1 day
\$360 2 days



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Register Online:
www.supportedlife.org

Regional Center Vendor Codes

P63905 (svc code 102) =
Supported Life Inst.
CONFERENCE Reg. Fee

ZA6390 (svc code 022) =
Wyndham Sacramento
HOTEL Lodging

Refund Policy

- Cancellations must be in writing & received by 9/29/23
- Cancellations after 9/29/23 (Including “No Shows”) Cannot be refunded
- With advance notice, substitutions are welcome.

Agency Volume Discount !

Register 5 at professional rate & receive a 6th registrant **FREE**.
All Group Registrations Must Be Received Together

Hotel Accommodations
Wyndham Sacramento Hotel
5321 Date Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95841
916-338-5800



BE in the MIDDLE of Things

A special rate of \$139 per night + tax is offered for
Supported Life Conference attendees.

Hotel Sleeping Rooms: 916-338-5800
- ask for Reservations for “Supported Life Institute - 37th Annual”

Conference rate good until Oct. 2, 2023

- There is plenty of **Free Parking** at the hotel



- **Wi-Fi** is offered for **free** in sleeping and meeting rooms by the Wyndham Hotel
- **Housekeeping Policy** at Hotel:
If you **would like your room serviced:**
Contact the Front Desk by 10 a.m.



Thursday October 26, 2023

7:45 – 9:10 Registration
 7:45 – 9:10 Exhibit Hall Preview
 9:10 – 10:10 Welcome / Keynote Address

Joey Travolta, Founder,
Inclusion Films, Bakersfield
Delivering Jobs

10:20 – 11:25 Concurrent Sessions 1A - 1F



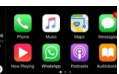
1A Strengthening Community Housing Advocacy Through Family Partnerships. John Decker, *Alta Calif. Reg. Ctr, Sacramento*



1B Customized Employment - More Than Just Two Words. Debbie Ball, *Easter Seals Southern California, Escondido*



1C Networking Guides. Sue Sawyer, *CA Transition Alliance (CATA), Redding*



1D REAL Freedom of Speech Thru Augmentative Communication. Karen Duncanwood, *Ryan Duncanwood's Mom, Chico*



1E Self-Determination: How it Changed My Life. Santiago Villalobos, *Self-Advocate, Downey*



1F The Build Project: Building Inclusive Social Recreation. Andrew Flaherty, *Compass SLS and ILS, Redding*



11:35 – 1:25 Luncheon / Keynote Address
Tony Anderson and Lori Banales,
Executive Directors for Valley Mountain & Alta California Regional Centers

The DSP Collaborative: 2 Regions Together Addressing the Workforce Shortage

1:25 - 2:10 Exhibit Hall Spotlight
 (Plus Buy Raffle Tickets, Choose Prizes)

2:10 – 3:15 Concurrent Sessions 2A - 2E



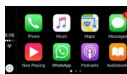
2A Inclusion Films; Connecting The Dots. Joey Travolta, *Founder, Inclusion Films, Bakersfield*



2B Innovative Strategies for Developing a Diverse Workforce. Leinani Walter, *CA Dept. of Devel. Services - Chief Equity Officer*



2C Health & Wellness at Any Age! Beverley Legault, *Creative Support Alternatives, Murphys*



2D Regulate to Communicate. Kristen Carroll, *Supported Life Institute / CTEC, Sacramento*



2E Choosing Self Determination Program Services That YOU Want. Katie Dempsey, *CA Dept. of Developmental Svcs, Sacramento*

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 our Facebook page? ... —>



3:25 – 4:30 Concurrent Sessions 3A - 3E

4:30 – 4:45 Raffle

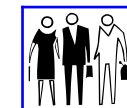


4:45 Conference Day 1 Concludes

NOTE: But Raffle Tickets Early!
Raffle is THURSDAY Only



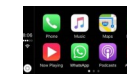
3A How the DSP Collaborative Website Works & Long-Term Goals of the Collaboration. Tony Anderson / Lori Banales, *Exec Dirs, Valley Mountain & Alta Calif. Regional Centers*



3B Customized Employment - Is It For Me? Debbie Ball, *Easter Seals Southern Calif., Escondido*



3C I Want to Work! I Know I Can. Sue Sawyer, *CA Transition Alliance (CATA), Redding*



3D Unique Ways to Promote Independence with Assistive Technology. Amanda Morgan, *Roseville*



3E My Journey of Becoming Noe. Noe Duenas, *Person w/ Autism & Professional in the Field, Fair Oaks*



Friday October 27, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Welcome / Keynote Address

**Harry Bruell, CEO/President, PathPoint,
Central & Southern Calif.**

**Boosting Employment Rates:
Problems and Solutions**

10:10 – 11:20 Concurrent Sessions 4A - 4E



11:30 – 1:20 Luncheon / Keynote Address

**Don Perata, Former President of the
California State Senate**

**Community Political Action:
What Works, What Doesn't**

1:20 – 1:45 Friday Free Prize Drawings

1:45 – 2:55 Concurrent Sessions 5A - 5E



3:05 – 4:15 Concurrent Sessions 6A - 6E

4:15 Conference Concludes

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**4A Housing Access & the Future
of Supported Living.** Vivian Haun,
*Disability Rights Calif. - Senior
Policy Attorney, Los Angeles*



**4B Preparing for Pathways to
Competitive Integrated
Employment.** Arturo Cazares, *Reg.
Ctr. of Orange County, Santa Ana*



4C CalABLE Updates. Anne
Osborne, *CalABLE, Sacramento*



4D Art In My Work Boots. Reuben
Mayes, *Artist/Owner of Art In My
Work Boots, McKinleyville*



**4E HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services)
Final Rule: A Day in the Life.** Susie
Crow, *CA Dept. of Developmental
Services, Sacramento*



**5A Innovative Employment
Opportunities.** Harry Bruell, *CEO/
President, PathPoint*



**5B Navigating Social Security
Benefits & Employment.** Ali
Tabatai, *New Leaf Solutions, Sac.*



**5C A New Pathway to a High
School Diploma.** Sue Sawyer, *CA
Transition Alliance (CATA), Redding*



**5D Personal Support Networks:
Building Friendships in Your
Community.** Tasha Ward,
R.E.A.C.H., Redding



**5E HCBS and My Work as a Direct
Support Professional.** Kaitlin
Olson, *Alo Consultation, Benicia*



**6A You Get What You Pay For:
Getting Better Employment
Outcomes.** Vivian Haun and Harry
Bruell, *DRC and PathPoint*



**6B The Importance of Listening to
the Community.** Dave Manson &
Sen. Don Perata, *Calif. Policy
Center for Intellectual & Dev.
Disabilities, Sacramento*



**6C Nitty-Gritty Approach to
Building Community.** Roberta
Dunn, *El Dorado Hills*



**6D End of Life Support: Advanced
Care Planning with Supported
Decision Making.** Michele Lehane,
*Community Living Options/Alice
Carroll Foundation, Chico*



**6E HCBS and My Rights as a Self-
Advocate.** Jacqueline Lawton, *Alo
Consultation, Benicia*

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