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presents our:

***37th** Annual Conference*

SUPPORTED LIFE 2023

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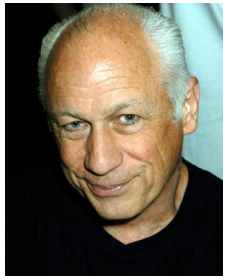
Empowering All People
with Developmental Disabilities
to be Fully Included in the Community

Oct. 26 – 27, 2023

Wyndham Sacramento

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

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Keynote Speakers

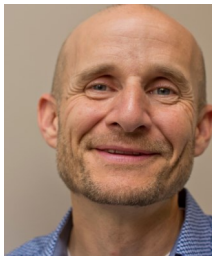


Joey Travolta born into a show business family, but starting as Special Education teacher, has directed & produced over 20 films. Founded Inclusion Films training people with all abilities in the art of filmmaking, passionately creating & finding jobs for people, plus building skills transferrable to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

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    __Medically-recommended diet __Vegetarian
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    Please Specify Request (all requests for accommodations must be received at Supported Life Institute ***by 10/5/23****):*

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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.

Conference registration includes: – 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 **Vendored ACRC**	$225 **1** day $360 **2** days

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Register Online:
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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.

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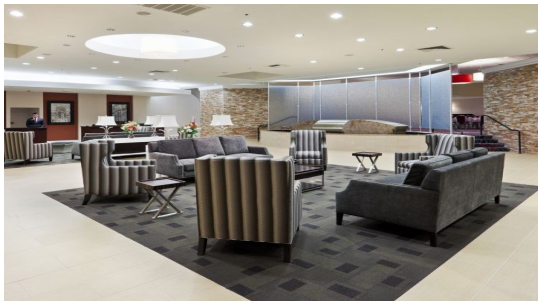


A special rate of **$139 per night + tax** is offered for **Supported Life Conference attendees.**

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.**

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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*

 Living / Community  Social / Recreation / Health

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 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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 Organizational & Staff Development  Personal Power & Rights  Schools

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*

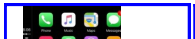


3D Unique Ways to Promote Independence with Assistive Technology. Amanda Morgan, *Roseville*



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

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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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