

**SAVE the DATES: October 17 – 18, 2024  
 and Request for Session Proposals**

**38th Annual SUPPORTED LIFE CONFERENCE:**

**Supported Life 2024:**

**“Empowering Independence:  
 Innovation is at the Heart”**

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

**Wyndham Sacramento Hotel ~ Sacramento, CA**

**Presented By Supported Life Institute**

**Hear a Variety of Important Voices in the Field of Developmental Disabilities**



## Employment

Customized Employment  
 Discovery Process  
 Innovative Inclusive Employment  
 Microenterprise / Self-Employment  
 Minimum Wage / SB 639  
 Person-Centered Planning / Thinking

## Transition

... To Independence  
 ... To Jobs and Careers  
 ... To Continuing Education  
 ... To Adulthood & Adult Services  
 ... From/To Hybrid Environments

## Schools

Community Based Instruction  
 Changing Classroom Experience  
 Early Childhood / Early Start  
 Inclusive Education  
 Valuing Diversity

## Personal Power & Rights

Self-Determination Program  
 Advocacy & Self-Advocacy  
 Boardmanship & Facilitation  
 Changing Service Disparities  
 Criminal Justice Issues  
 Rights & Responsibilities

## Health & Wellness

Abuse-Prevention  
 End-of-Life Planning & Care  
 Exercise / Diet / Nutrition  
 Mental Health Supports  
 Positive Behavioral Supports  
 Self-Care Focus

## Family Supports

Early Intervention  
 Future Caregiver Planning  
 Investments & Benefits  
 Navigating the System  
 Siblings  
 Trust Management

## Policy & Legislation

Community Organizing  
 CMS Final Rule, HCBS & Inclusion  
 Ethnic Disparities Organizing  
 Lobbying & Political Action  
 Social, Recreation, Camp  
 Voting & Elections

## Social / Recreation

New Funding & Services  
 Community Connections  
 Dating & Sexuality  
 Friendships  
 Recreation & Leisure  
 Relationship-Building

## Community Living

Housing: Accessible & Affordable  
 Cultural Diversity Support  
 Community-Building  
 Individualized Support  
 Supported & Independent Living  
 Transportation Issues

## Organizational or Staff Development

HCBS Transition Planning  
 Staff Hiring & Retention  
 DSP Staff Training & HR  
 Grant Writing - Fundraising  
 Professional Development

## Communication / AAC

Assistive Technology  
 Computer Access  
 Literacy Training  
 Speech-Generating Devices

# Request for Session Proposals

SUPPORTED LIFE 2024 Conference (October 17 - 18, 2024)



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## Presenter Proposals - Breakout Sessions

Deadline: **June 5, 2024**

The conference planning team welcomes session proposals from individuals & agencies for Supported Life 2024!

Sessions are generally 60-70 minutes long.

Proposals received by **6/5/24** are reviewed by planning committee.



Apply **ONLINE** at [www.supportedlife.org](http://www.supportedlife.org)

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Please send us your:

1. **Session Title** (8 words or less)
2. **Lead Presenter** Info: Name / Affiliation?, Address (include Zip),  
**Email** Address, **Phone** Numbers (Day & Evening),  
**Note** if you are: Family member, Person with disability, Professional (or "Other" - explain)
3. **General topic area**: Please see general topic areas on previous page
4. May we assign "**Either Conference Day**"? (or note if only "**Thur 10/17**" or "**Fri 10/18**")
5. If there are other presenters, please provide for each:  
**Co-Presenters** Names, Affiliations, Email for each & Note if  
Family member, Person with disability, Professional (or "Other" - explain)
6. **Session Summary** (50-100 words)
7. Brief **Resume** / Bio / Personal History of Lead Presenter
8. **Session Objectives**: 3 brief one-sentence descriptions of what attendees will learn

FAQ:

- Presenters selected **Do** pay registration fees.
- BUT at a **Major Discount** (See Details page 3) . . .

# Our 38th Annual Supported Life Conference...

**Wyndham Sacramento Hotel** - Sacramento, CA  
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This Conference Is:

"A Place to

- ... **Train Your Staff** - in an Inclusive Environment"
- ... **Learn** from our unique mix of attendees & speakers
- ... **Hear** success stories, challenges, quality inclusive services
- ... **Choose** introductory and/or in-depth training
- ... **Experience** multiple perspectives including from:  
professionals, families, self-advocates

**Conference Breakout Session to Propose?**

You are invited to submit a Breakout Session proposal...  
**See Proposal Questions on Page 2...**

**Session Proposals due 6/5/24**

## Notes for Session Applicants

A. Presenters DO pay registration fees. But at a Big Discount! See C below

B. **Session YES or NO Notification to Lead Presenters by mid-July will have Final Presenter Forms for those selected - forms & payments due Aug. 10th - incl. A/V requests, preferred Intro method & any Session or Presenter Changes**

C. **Note: Reduced Speaker Fees! Offered for up to 3 presenters per accepted session who complete Final Presenter Forms & pay by Aug. 10th.**

= professionals, people with disabilities, and family members each pay only  
**\$60** (both days) or **\$30** (session day)

*(Speaker discount is only available to those whose forms are received by the deadline)*

D. Most A/V Requests offered at no cost to you

if we receive **completed Final Presenter Forms by 8/10/24**

E. Since Supported Life Conference is **Professional and Inclusive conference**, please note that:

- accessible technical info is encouraged: audience is **diverse**, incl. people with disabilities, family members, & professionals with widely **varying** amounts of experience in the field
- we encourage proposals which **include** people w/ disabilities / family members as presenters
- we encourage presenting of **hands-on**, practical info & techniques, and personal **stories**.

**Interested in being an individual or agency **Cosponsor**?**  
**Call 916-567-1974 (Andy) for details**