

**SAVE the DATES: October 9 – 10, 2025  
and Request for Session Proposals**

**39th Annual SUPPORTED LIFE CONFERENCE:**



**Supported Life 2025:**

**“Navigating Safe Passage  
through Changing Times”**

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

**Transition**

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

**Schools**

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

**Personal Power & Rights**

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

**Health & Wellness**

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

**Family Supports**

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

**Policy & Legislation**

Community Organizing  
Lobbying & Political Action  
Federal & State Funding Challenges  
Ethnic Disparities Organizing  
Agencies & Rate Reform  
Voting & Elections

**Social / Recreation**

Community Connections  
Dating & Sexuality  
Friendships  
New Funding & Services  
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**

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

**Communication / AAC**

Speech-Generating Devices  
Assistive Technology  
Computer Access  
Literacy Training

# Request for Session Proposals

SUPPORTED LIFE 2025 Conference (October 9 - 10, 2025)



## “Navigating Safe Passage through Changing Times”

### Presenter Proposals - Breakout Sessions

Deadline: **May 29, 2025**

The conference planning team **welcomes session proposals from individuals & agencies** for Supported Life 2025!

Sessions are generally 60-70 minutes long.

Proposals received by **5/29/25** 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 10/9**" or "**Fri 10/10**")
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 39th Annual Supported Life Conference...

**Wyndham Sacramento Hotel** - Sacramento, CA  
**October 9 - 10, 2025**

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 5/29/25**

**Notes for Session Applicants**

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

B. Our Session 'YES' or 'NO' Notification to Lead Presenters by mid-July has Final Presenter Forms for those selected - forms & payments due Aug. 4th - including A/V requests and 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. 4th.

= 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 Final Presenter Forms in by 8/4/25

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**.

F. For this year's All-in-Person 2-day Conference:

- Presenters must be **in person**.
- There is **No virtual component** for this year's event.

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