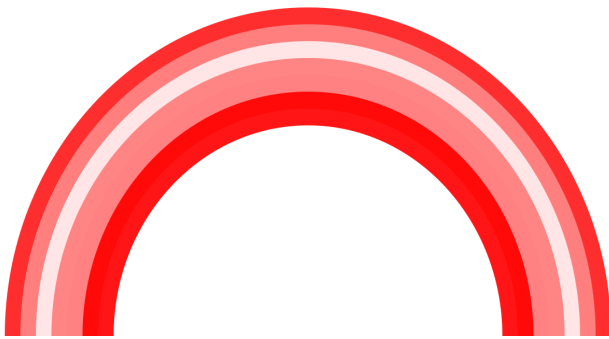


# 29th Annual California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

Friday & Saturday  
May 9th & 10th, 2025

Presented by: **Supported Life Institute**

## “Follow The Yellow Brick Road to Self-Advocacy”



**2-Day In-Person  
Conference**

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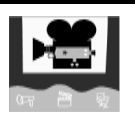
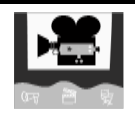



















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## PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, May 9, 2025**

**SATURDAY, May 10, 2025**

	8:00	REGISTRATION BEGINS		8:00	REGISTRATION BEGINS
	9:00	<b>WELCOME</b> <i>Featuring:</i> <b>Jordan Kamnitzer</b> 		9:00	<b>WELCOME</b> <i>From</i> <b>Statewide Self Advocacy            Conference Committee</b>
	Keynote: <b>"More than Just a Meeting:            Using Person-Centered Planning to            Live Life on Your Terms"</b> <b>Alex Kimmel</b> The SelfDeterminator Speaker, Trainer, Self-Advocate Detroit, Michigan			Keynote: <b>"Running Red Lights:            Becoming my Best Self!"</b> <b>Brandon Gruber</b> Artist, Public Speaker TASH and Cal-TASH Board Member Brentwood, California	
	10:00	Check Out the INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE		10:00	INFORMATION & SALES FAIRE
	10:30	"Lending Works Learning Theater" <i>Sponsored by Lending Works, Inc.</i>		10:30	"LWI Learning Theater" - Day 2 <i>Sponsored by Lending Works, Inc.</i>
	10:30	SESSION # 1		10:30	SESSION # 4 (including Zumba!) 
	11:45	LUNCH		11:45	LUNCH
	12:55	SESSION # 2		12:55	SESSION # 5
	2:00	SESSION # 3		2:00	SESSION # 6 (including Zumba!) 
	3:30	KARAOKE		3:15	Closing: "SONG SELECTIONS" MICHAEL J. VALCOUR
	6:30	DINNER		3:30	FREE RAFFLE DRAWING 
	8:00	END OF DAY 1		3:45	END OF CONFERENCE



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Wyndham Hotel**  
5321 Date Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95841



**Call 916-338-5800 and ask about current Conference Rate for the “SLI Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference” by April 18th.**

Remember: all rooms are subject to city tax and tourism assessment:

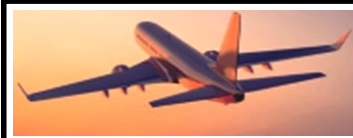
Please see our **hotel reservation form** for the exact totals.

**(Conference Fees include Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, and Saturday Lunch)**

Plenty of **Free Parking** at Hotel. Housekeeping? Ask Hotel about their current Housekeeping Policy.



**On Friday and Saturday Morning,  
the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel will offer a  
Hot Breakfast Buffet for \$22.00 - plus Tax and Tip.**



**Flying to Sacramento? Need to . . .**  
Upgrade with DMV by May 7th ! - for “REAL ID,” if you haven’t already !  
Or Use a Passport. See Dept. of Homeland Security website: [www.dhs.gov/real-id](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id)

Mail your *Conference Registration Form*  
& *Emergency Contact Form*  
+ check/money order to:

**"Supported Life Institute"**  
c/o 1209 Caricia Drive  
Davis, CA 95618



**Group Discount !!!**  
**Groups: Register 5 people**  
**& receive 1 support staff**  
**FREE**

**All Group Registrations Must Be Received Together**

### **Conference registration Cancellations/Substitutions:**

Written cancellations may be made until  
**April 18, 2025** and will be refunded minus  
a 25% administrative fee.

Requests for refunds (incl. for “no-shows”)  
will not be accepted after April 18th

**With advance notice,**  
**substitutions are welcome.**

The Supported Life Institute will send a written **confirmation** of your  
conference registration.

**Q**uestions?

Call the Supported Life Institute at  
**(916) 465 - 8560** [info@supportedlife.org](mailto:info@supportedlife.org)

**NOTE:** There may be a videographer/photographer at the  
conference taking videos/photos of conference activities. If you do  
not want your picture to be used, please let us know at the conference  
registration desk.

## TRANSPORTATION TO THE WYNDHAM SACRAMENTO HOTEL

From Airport to Hotel and back, options available: Taxis, Super Shuttle, Uber or Lyft.

◆ Contact **ParaTransit 916-429-2009** about travel from Airport or Greyhound or Amtrak station  
to Hotel & back if you use such a service where you live  
(best to call weeks ahead to register and set up a “client record,” if you are from out of town)



# Conference Sessions - The 29th Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

**Friday May 9, 2025**

Sessions #1 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.



**Saturday May 10, 2025**

Sessions #4 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.



<b>Relationships: A Happy and Loving One is the Best to Have</b> Herb Hastings, San Leandro	<b>Romantic Relationships</b> Renard Stanford, Los Angeles
<b>How Supported Employment Helped Me to Get a Job</b> Santiago Villalobos, Downey	<b>Pursuing Dreams as a Community</b> Jessica Noble, Compass SLS and ILS, Redding
<b>Empowered Connections: Advocating for Yourself and Building Strong Relationships</b> Brittanie Sanders, Davis	<b>Zumba for Health, Fitness, Fun (#1 of 2)</b> Yulissa Arescurenaga, 1st Self-Advocate to be Certified Zumba Instructor, South San Francisco
<b>System Advocacy vs. Self-Advocacy</b> Alexa Guerrero, Rocklin	<b>Alternatives to Conservatorships</b> Jackie Armstrong, Carmichael

**Friday May 9, 2025**

Sessions #2 • 12:55 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.



**Saturday May 10, 2025**

Sessions #5 • 12:55 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.



<b>Working in the Calif. State Legislature &amp; With Other Elected Officials</b> Christopher Bennett, Napa	<b>Let's Work</b> Pj Swan, California Transition Alliance, Stockton
<b>Preparing for Your IPP &amp; the New IPP Template</b> Erin Sigafoos, Self-Adv. Council 6 & Christine Couch, Valley Mtn Reg Ctr	<b>My Life Story of Advocacy and Being Pre-Diabetic</b> Minette Oliver, Self-Advocacy Council 6, Stockton
<b>Everything to Know about the Master Plan for Developmental Services</b> Lisa Cooley, Rancho Cordova	<b>Living Your Best Life...Healthy U!</b> Sherri Douglas, Self-Advocate w/ Healthy U, Chico
<b>"Self-Advocacy": 25 Years of a Timeless Anthem</b> Jordan Elliott Kamnitzer, Speaker, Singer, Los Angeles	<b>My Life: A True Story - Living With Epilepsy</b> Herb Hastings, San Leandro

**Friday May 9, 2025**

Sessions #3 • 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.



**Saturday May 10, 2025**

Sessions #6 • 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.



<b>Possibilities!</b> Alex Kimmel, The SelfDeterminator, Detroit, Michigan	<b>Finding Your Passion in Life</b> Brandon Gruber, TASH/Cal-TASH Board Member, Brentwood
<b>Living on Your Own - Being Independent</b> Crystal Eneyart, Self-Adv Council 6 & Dena Hernandez, SCDD, Stockton	<b>Story of Me</b> Dena Pfeifer, Self-Advocacy Council 6, Stockton
<b>Using Your CalABLE Account</b> Thomas Martin, CalABLE, Sacramento	<b>Zumba for Health, Fitness, Fun (#2 of 2)</b> Yulissa Arescurenaga, 1st Self-Advocate to be Certified Zumba Instructor, South San Francisco
<b>This is What Good Support Looks Like - to Get and Keep a Job</b> Robert Levy, Orangevale	<b>Breaking Barriers, Building Voices: Peer-Led Self-Advocacy Training</b> Out of the Box Squad, San Anselmo

**On Conference days , check schedule of times for our Refresh and Recharge Room;  
and "Lending Works Learning Theater"**

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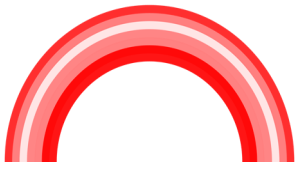
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM - SIDE A (Side B Emergency Contact Over)**  
**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference - May 9 and 10, 2025** ([www.supportedlife.org](http://www.supportedlife.org))  
**Early-Bird Discount Last Day: April 25, 2025 \***

\* If a Regional Center is paying your registration, they may have an earlier deadline.  
 Please call your Regional Center right away.

**Everyone who attends the conference must pay the registration fee.  
 This includes self-advocates, speakers, family members and support people.**

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SELF-ADVOCACY GROUP (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_
3. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
4. CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_
5. DAYTIME PHONE:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you a:     Self-Advocate     Family Member     Support Person
7. When will you be coming:  Both Days or  Fri 9th or  Sat 10th
8. Do you use a wheelchair for mobility:  Yes     No
9. Other accommodations you request from Conference: (Must be Received by April 18, 2025)  
 Sign language interpreting services  Accommodations for conference materials \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetarian meals     Medically-recommended diet \_\_\_\_\_
10. Conference Registration: (for Regional Center use only: Vendor # : P63905)

Send this form w/payment to: **Supported Life Institute, c/o 1209 Caricia Drive, Davis, CA 95618**

Conference Registration Fee (Does not include hotel sleeping room)	by 4/25/25	after 4/25/25
<b>Two Day Conference</b> - Arrive <u>Friday</u> at 9:00 a.m. (rates set by DDS)	\$299.67	\$316.01
<b>One Day Conference</b> - Arrive Either Day at 9:00 a.m. (rates set by DDS)	\$283.32	\$299.67
 <p><b>Group Discount ! ! ! !</b>                      Groups: <u>Register 5 people</u>                      &amp; receive <u>1 support staff FREE</u>                      All Group Registrations Must Be Received Together</p>	 Buy 5 - Get 1 Free	

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM - SIDE B - Optional

The goal of the Conference Planning Committee is for everyone attending the conference to have a positive, educational and safe experience.

The information provided below will be kept for ready access by conference staff to be used in case of an emergency during the event.

**Individuals needing special assistance or supervision must be accompanied by a support person.**

**All supervision, medical, & personal care needs are the responsibility of each conference participant.**

1. Name of Registrant : \_\_\_\_\_

Self-Advocate

Family Member

Support Person

2. In case of serious emergency,

Who is a contact person who is not attending the event and is available by phone during the general times and dates of the conference.?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**  
**Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference - Fri. May 9th and Sat. May 10th, 2025**

**Credit Card?** (You don't need to fill out this form)

Call the hotel directly - 916-338-5800 ask for Reservations, mention "Supported Life Institute 2025 Meeting"

**Check or Money Order?**

Complete this form. Make check or money order payable to "Wyndham Sacramento."

Include confirmation code from hotel reservation. Send this form w/the total payment for all the people in the room to: Wyndham Sacramento Hotel, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841. Attn: Amanda Ortiz

For Regional Center Use Only - Vendor: Wyndham Sacramento Hotel (ZA6390)

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
2. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
3. CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DAYTIME PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Arriving:     Thursday, May 8 or     Friday, May 9
6. Do you request your room be "handicapped accessible:?"     Yes     No

There are only a limited number of handicapped accessible rooms available.  
 The hotel will meet this request on a "first come, first served" basis.

7. There will be (circle one): 1 2 3 4 people :     Thu & Fri or     Thu only or     Fri only

**HOTEL RESERVATION FEES – Must be received at the Wyndham by 4/18/2025**

Price includes: hotel room & taxes only

Wyndham Hotel will offer Hot Breakfast Buffet On Conference Mornings for \$22.00 plus Tax and Tip

	1 Person/Room (1 bed/room)	2 People/Room (2 beds/room)	3 People/Room (2 beds/room)	4 People/Room (2 beds/room)	Total Cost/Room
<b>Friday Night Only</b>	\$160.20/person	\$80.10/person	\$53.40/person	\$40.05/person	1-4 per rm. \$160.20
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday</b>	\$320.40/person	\$160.20/person	\$106.80/person	\$80.10/person	1-2 per rm. \$320.40

8. I am enclosing fees for the following reservation:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate # 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees Enclosed:

\$