



My Voice Will Be Heard

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MEMO TO: Self-Advocates, Support Staff and Allies

FROM: Janet Donahue, Director of Development, The Arc of Illinois

SUBJECT: Looking for Speakers Interested in Presenting a Break-Out Session at the 2018 Speak Up and Speak Out Summit

The Arc of Illinois is in the beginning planning stages for the 2018 Speak Up and Speak Out Summit (SUSO) funded by the **Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities** to be held on October 29, 2018 to October 31, 2018, at the Wyndham Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) in Springfield, IL. We are looking for people or small groups of people interested in sharing their experiences and expertise on topics such as community living, employment, personal choice and other topics of importance to people with disabilities. The goal is to have sessions at the Summit that will demonstrate to people with disabilities that they have a voice, and they have choices in what they do with their life and their **Voice Will Be Heard!** We are committed to empowering persons with disabilities to reach their highest potential in education, employment and community living. We want you to present at the Speak Up and Speak Out 2018 Summit. Staff and Allies please share with and support self-advocates to submit a presentation proposal. We want to encourage new people and new exciting topics!

This year the theme is **"My Voice Will Be Heard!"** and will focus on providing attendees with information to help empower them to use their voice to make positive choices and changes in their life.

We also welcome professionals to submit a Call for Presentations, although it is required that every session have at least one self-advocate. Topics of special interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

Aging
Choice and Inclusion
Community Integration
Employment First

Self Determination
Individual Advocacy
Supported Living
Housing Options
Voting

Enclosed are the directions and information you need to send us a proposal. Please submit your proposal to Janet Donahue at The Arc of Illinois, 20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite #209, Frankfort, IL 60423, no later than April 30, 2018. Call Janet or Sarah at 815-464-1832 if you have any questions on the proposal process, topics or the deadline.

We look forward to your participation at the Speak Up and Speak Out Summit 2018. Thank you.



Call For Speakers

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2018 Speak Up and Speak Out Summit
Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL - October 29–October 31, 2018

General Instructions

All proposals must be in English and reflect the values of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. ICDD believes that “every person in Illinois has the same rights, opportunities and the ability to exercise choices so they can achieve self-worth and personal fulfillment in all aspects of life.” In keeping with this belief, the proposal title, description, and all content of the presentation must use “people first” language and must support the value of full participation in all facets of community life. Be sure to confirm the availability of all presenters before mailing. Please review your proposal for accuracy.

Presentation Formats

BOTH PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS - These sessions should be 1 hour in length, including time for questions. Sessions should address the issues encountered by persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities including, but not limited to, advocacy, choice, quality enhancement, self-determination, employment, housing, voting rights, etc. There is a limit of 4 total speakers per session. Each session must have a minimum of 1 Self-Advocate and a minimum of 1 facilitator/staff person for a panel presentation.

Final Preparation

1. Complete the enclosed form and return it along with a short description of your presentation on a separate paper for the committee to review, as well as the shorter description of no more than 35 words to be used in the conference brochure and agenda. It should be clear, concise and specific.
2. Include a short bio for each presenter.
3. Mail to: The Arc of Illinois, 20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite #209, Frankfort, IL 60423 or e-mail to janet@thearcofil.org or fax to 815-464-5292.
4. The deadline for the form, description of presentation and bio is April 30, 2018.

The ICDD Steering Committee will review proposals for their relevance to current issues encountered by persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as compatibility with scheduling limitations and the values of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Decisions of the Steering Committee regarding acceptance and scheduling are final and will be made no later than June 1, 2018.

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(circle one):

- A. Individual
- B. Panel

Proposal Information Form

(Return with Description of Presentation and Bio by April 30, 2018)

SESSION TITLE: _____

LIST EACH SPEAKER ON THIS FORM

A maximum of 4 speakers per session.

A minimum of 1 Self-Advocate and a minimum of 1 facilitator/staff person.

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
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Audio/Visual Equipment Needs:

*(We have a limited supply of projectors. Let us know if you need one.)
(We do not have laptops available. You must bring your own.)

Flipchart & Markers

CD Player

Screen

TV/DVD

Display Table

Other

Indicate if you will be bringing your own equipment, such as Laptop or LCD Projector =

Special accommodations needed:

State below, in 35 words or less, a short description of your presentation for the Summit Brochure and Program: