



is pleased to announce its 2010 Annual Conference:

Honoring our Past.... Shaping Our Future!
40 Years of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

September 27-28, 2010
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
Orlando, Florida

The 2010 NACDD Annual Conference will celebrate State Councils on Developmental Disabilities and the progress they have made in advancing inclusion and integration of people with developmental disabilities and their families through systems change, capacity building and advocacy. This conference will highlight Council achievements since 1970 and also serve as a call to action to continue and strengthen efforts to meet current and emerging needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

We invite State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, self-advocates, and others with knowledge and expertise working in the field of developmental disabilities to submit ideas for presentations related to the theme: "***Honoring our Past.... Shaping Our Future!***"

This conference will have three major tracks: *Systems Change, Capacity Building and Advocacy*, based on the declared purpose of State Councils on Developmental Disabilities as described in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD ACT). Presentations should address these goals of the State Councils with a focus on the following topics:

- Employment of people with developmental disabilities, including school- to- work transition for youth with developmental disabilities;
- Re-balancing of service systems to support people as they move from institutional settings to life in the community;
- Self-advocacy, leadership development, and grassroots organizing;
- Innovative strategies/collaborations to efficiently use resources;
- Redesign of service systems to respond to principles of self-determination, person-centered planning and choice;
- Use of technology in service systems and community life; and
- Other topic areas which may include health/healthcare, early intervention, housing, transportation, and recreation.

If you have a project/presentation that illustrates the theme, "***Honoring our Past.... Shaping Our Future!***" please send a proposal to Eboni Morris via email: emorris@nacdd.org by **April 30, 2010**.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Please include all the information below. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Proposer Contact Information:

First Name/Last Name
Mailing Address
Phone/Fax/Email
Title & Affiliation

Title of Proposed Session:

Objectives (3 things attendees will learn):

Description of proposed session (no more than 100 words, this description will be used in the final program), please include:

1. Why this session is important
2. How it is relevant to the conference theme - *“Honoring our Past.... Shaping Our Future!”*

If the session is about a specific project or research, please provide a description of the project or research and its outcomes (no more than 200 words)

Names and affiliations of presenter(s)

1. Include for each presenter:

First Name/Last Name
Mailing Address
Phone/Fax/Email
Title & Affiliation

2. Panel submissions should include a unique description for **each** presenter -including a description of what each person contributes to the panel in terms of knowledge and expertise.

Full bios for each presenter (for inclusion in final program)

Additional Information:

If your presentation is accepted, you will be notified on **Monday May 10, 2010** via email. At that point, you will need to confirm the accuracy of your proposal and your intent to present. A speaker packet will be provided which will serve as your conference registration and will ask for: travel plans, special needs, accommodations, and any technology requests you may have. The speaker packet will also outline the process for having your presentation and handouts included in our conference CD, which is the format by which we distribute session presentations and handouts.

Please note that speakers will not be charged a registration fee to present at the conference. However, if speakers wish to attend the full conference (sessions and meals), a registration fee will be charged for the days they will attend. All speakers are responsible for their own travel arrangements and lodging in Orlando.