

The J.A. Panuska College of Professional Studies and The Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Endowment

8th Annual Northeastern U. S. Conference on disABILITY

October 7, 2009

“Transition:
Today, Tomorrow, Together”

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Conference Mission

The University of Scranton believes that disability is part of the human experience and that assisting individuals and families living with disabilities to achieve optimal quality of life requires multidisciplinary intervention, education, research, and leadership. The disABILITY Conference mission is to positively influence the quality of life and wellness of individuals and families living with disabilities. This is accomplished by promoting in its deliberations the foundational principles of individualization, self-determination, productivity, employment, independence, and full participation in community life by creating an effective learning environment, collaborative and focused discussion, and the identification and sharing of effective practices useful in the United States and around the world.

Invitation to Present

To accomplish this goal, the 7th Annual disABILITY Conference is inviting proposals addressing the overall theme of “Transition: Today, Tomorrow, Together”.

Within the following organizational strands, presenters are encouraged to share relevant information and experience in one or several areas that influence quality service delivery by qualified professional personnel. For example, presentations may stress:

- *consumer participation* (in personal decision making, policy development, satisfaction with service outcomes, and/or community life)
- *clinical practice* (effective treatment modalities)
- *specific disability categories* (particular challenges and strategies)
- *qualified personnel* (strategies for preparing and maintaining through pre-service, graduate, in-service and continuing education)
- *organizational structure* (function and patterns of service delivery)
- *research and demonstration results*

Papers are requested for the 4 strands identified below:

- ☞ Health & Wellness
- ☞ Psychological /Social
- ☞ Vocational
- ☞ Educational/School Counseling

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Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center, The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Please complete all application items and attach a one-page resume/vita for all presenters.
Proposals must be received by May 23rd, 2009.

Principal Presenter

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Fax Number _____

Current Job Title _____

Employer's Name/Department _____

Additional Presenter/s

Name _____

Email Address _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

Current Job Title _____

Employer's Name/Department _____

Name _____

Email Address _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

Current Job Title _____

Employer's Name/Department _____

Presentation Title: _____

Presentation Abstract

In 50 words or less, please describe your session below. Include only the key points and benefits to attendees to be used in the conference program.

Objectives of the session: List program objective(s) in clear terms.

- Example: 1. Identify the problems associated with substance abuse.
2. Develop strategies to facilitate employment.

Audiovisual Equipment

The DeNaples Center is a mediated facility, but it would be helpful to our planning to know what types of media you will require for your presentation. Please check or note the equipment you need:

Overhead projector/Screen _____

Computer & LCD projector _____

Other _____

***** **NOTE*******

Presenters are responsible for providing any and all handouts in accessible formats.

Space Limitation

Due to space limitations, all programs may not be accepted. Please indicate below whether or not you would accept a format change of your proposal from a concurrent session to a poster session format.

Accept _____ Do Not Accept _____

Review Criteria for Proposals and Notification

The disABILITY Conference program committee will review and select proposals that will contribute to a well balanced program of interest for the participants of the conference including educators, practitioners, administrators and researchers across multiple disciplines (occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, rehabilitation counseling, education, social work, health administration, etc.) as well as veterans with disabilities and their families. The committee will make decisions based on the following criteria:

- Overall quality
- Relevance to the lives of veterans with disabilities and their families.
- Well-defined focus that can be presented in a 60-75 minute format
- Practical application of the ideas presented
- Originality and timeliness of the idea

The lead presenter for each proposal received will be notified of the decision of the program committee by June 27th, 2009.

Please submit proposals (including resume/vita of all presenters) in Microsoft Word format Via mail or email by May 23rd, 2009 to:

e-mail: wagnerb1@scranton.edu

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NOTE:

Information about the conference (including the program, accommodations, directions, etc) will be posted at the following website as it gets finalized:
http://lynx.scranton.edu/leahyendowment/disability_conference.shtml