



Call for Proposals

The Illinois Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit is looking for presenters for the 12th Annual Summit to be held on July 25 – 28, 2010 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Approximately 30 young adults with disabilities from around Illinois will gather in Champaign to learn, be inspired, and go back to their communities with the tools to make a difference. Participants have an array of disabilities, learning styles, and abilities.

The focus of the Summit is leadership, which encompasses several key components:

- **Self Advocacy and Empowerment:** Focuses on the skills that participants will need to effectively advocate for themselves. Also to identify and maximize skills that an individual may already possess.
- **Rights and Responsibilities:** Addresses legal issues that individuals with disabilities should be aware of as active citizens. These include laws specific to disabilities such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also meant to educate individuals on effective communication skills with government officials and agencies.
- **Transition from School to Adulthood:** Encompasses that knowledge and skills in all areas of transition that young adults with disabilities will need to acquire in order to be independent adults. These areas include accessing transportation, recreation and leisure activities, post-secondary education, employment, and housing.
- **Personal Development:** Addresses personal growth through self esteem building activities. Identifies skills for relationship building and techniques for communicating emotions.

The Summit Planning Committee is particularly interested in presentations that incorporate various forms of learning so that all participants are included. Interactive presentations that are activity based are strongly encouraged.

Call for Proposal Instructions

To be considered, proposals must include an outline addressing the following areas:

- Identify the area of focus for your presentation.
- Identify the purpose of your presentation, the goals and objectives to be achieved within the presentation and the expected outcomes for participants.
- Address how the presentation will be inclusive of all disability types.
- Answer the question:
 - ◆ How will your presentation empower the participants?
 - ◆ How do you plan to engage the participants?
 - ◆ Will your presentation have interactive activities?

In addition, proposals should:

- Be received by Friday May 21, 2010.
- Include the Application Cover Page.
- Not exceed 2 pages in length.
- Include any sample forms or handouts that support the proposal in addressing the target topic.
- Include a 200 word or less bio of each presenter, to be sued in the registration book upon acceptance of the proposal.

Presenters receive no payment for participation; however reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Please send proposals no later than May 21 to:

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Application Cover Page

Presenter's Name: _____

Co-Presenter's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Do you have a disability?

What accommodations would we need to provide?

I am proposing a:

- Breakout workshop
- Breakout interactive activity
- Plenary workshop (includes ALL participants)
- Plenary interactive activity (includes ALL participants)

Length of workshop: _____

Presentation tools I will require include:

- Microphone
- Overhead Projector
- LDC Projector
- TV
- DVD/VCR Player
- Flip Chart and Markers