

**Conference Presentation Proposal Announcement**

Are you interested in presenting at the **2025 Self-Determination Conference**? We are seeking session proposals for Tuesday, October 21 & Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

**This year’s theme: Self-Determination by Design: Your Life, Your Way will help people with disabilities lead more Self-Determined lives by offering tools to plan the life they want to live in the communities they choose!**

**Things to know when submitting a proposal:**

* Proposals **must** include a self-advocate(s) as a lead or co-presenter.
* Panels should be limited to no more than 3 people.
* Conference sessions must support Self-Determination and Self-Directed principles.
* Sessions will be all in-person. **Presenters must attend the conference
 in-person.**
* Presentations should focus on practical, take-home strategies that people can implement in their lives.
* Sessions should not promote specific agencies or products.
* Repeat or similar sessions from previous conferences will not be considered.
* Sessions will be 1.25 hours in length. Self-Advocate sessions will be 30 minutes in length.
* A typical session has an audience of 50-75 attendees.

**If your session is accepted:**

* **Handouts:** Presenters agree to submit the PowerPoint and other materials through the online portal by **September 23, 2025**. You are responsible for providing 50-75 copies of your materials for your in-person session. Please use plain language.
* **Equipment:** A screen, A/V cart, LCD projector, laptop, and microphone will be provided in each breakout room. Bring your presentation on a flash drive or use your own laptop.
* **Presenters must register for the conference.** **Presenters must attend the conference in-person.**

***\*By completing this form, presenters agree to turn in all materials and information by September 23, 2025.***

**Conference Presentation Proposal Form**

Please complete the form and return ASAP- until sessions are full**.
*A self-advocate(s) must be included.***

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| **Lead Presenter:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
|  | First | Last |  |
| **Co-Presenter:** | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
|  | First | Last |  |
| **Other(s):****Organization:** | Click here to enter text.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name(s)Click here to enter text. |
| **Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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|  | City: Click here to enter text. | State: Click here to enter text. | ZIP: Click here to enter text. |
| **Email:** Click here to enter text. **Phone:** Click here to enter text. |

**Learning topics will support Self-Determination** **and all aspects of inclusive living in the community.**

[ ]  **I would like to apply to present a full session. (75 minutes)**

[ ]  **I would like to apply to present a 30 minute Self-Advocate (only) session.**

**Please Select one**

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| **New & Innovative Ideas in Self-Determination:**  |
| [ ]  Transition (high school to adulthood) |  [ ]  Technology  |
| [ ]  Transportation |  [ ]  Aging |
| [ ]  Support Brokers/Supporting Caregivers |  [ ]  Diversity |
| [ ]  Community Living/Employment |  [ ]  Health/ Fitness  |
| [ ]  Housing/roommates | [ ]  Voting  |
| [ ]  Advocacy |  [ ]  Self-esteem/Courage/Mindfulness  |
| [ ]  Circles of Support, Community  and Social Resources |  [ ]  Navigating the Long-Term Care  System/ Self Direction |
| [ ]  Supported Decision-Making |  [ ]  Futures Planning/ Person-Centered  Planning |
| [ ]  Financial Planning and Literacy | [ ]  Friendships/Relationships  |
| [ ]  Story Telling | [ ]  Mental Health/self-care |
| **Title of Presentation** (Please limit to 8 words or less):  |
| **Presentation Description** 100 words max, to be included in the program. Be as specific and detailed as possible **and include a plain language description of the interactive activity you will do in your session**. |
| **Please list 3 specific things participants will learn or take away from your session.** 1. 2. 3.  |

**Bios:** (Please remember, at least one presenter must be a self-advocate. Bios may be revised due to limited space in the program.)

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| Lead Presenter:(include email address) | (50 words max.): |
| Co-Presenter(s):or Other Presenters(include email address) | (50 words max.): Click or tap here to enter text. |

**All proposals are due ASAP until sessions are full.**

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| **Scoring Criteria** | **Points possible** |
| 1. **Session description/theme/ originality/creativity**
 | **20** |
| 1. **Team make up (self-advocate lead)**
 | **20** |
| 1. **Interactive Activity**
 | **10** |
| 1. **Take away info/tools**
 | **10** |
| **Total possible points:** | **60**  |



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