



November 16, 2021

MEMO TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Becca Schroeder, Director of Development, The Arc of Illinois

SUBJECT: Speakers Interested in Presenting a Break-Out Session at
The Arc of Illinois 2022 Convention

The Arc of Illinois is in the beginning planning stages for the 2022 Annual Convention to be held April 13 - 14, 2022. The Convention will be a hybrid event some attendees in-person and some attendees online. We are looking for individuals or panels of individuals interested in sharing their experiences, expertise and goals in their important work in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Illinois is committed to empowering persons with disabilities to reach their highest potential in education, employment and community living.

This year's theme, ***"Turning Silver Linings into Golden Opportunities"***, will provide attendees with the latest information on many issues, including early childhood, transition from high school, employment, housing and improving the quality of life in the community. This year's focus will be the silver linings the COVID-19 Pandemic has shined a light on, along with turning those positive outcomes into golden opportunities to empower people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to live a full life in the community. **This convention will be very informative with the latest information on many topics relevant to a person's life. Please submit a proposal to be a part of this exciting event!**

Participants will be a mixture of self-advocates, families, direct care staff, educators, managers and other professionals in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Therefore, proposals on any topic of interest to any of the groups represented are welcome, **particularly a new approach or idea**. Topics of special interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

Aging
Choice and Inclusion
Community Integration
Diversity
Dual Diagnosis
Early Childhood
Employment First

Management Best Practices
Self Determination and Individual Advocacy
Siblings
Supported Living
Team Building
Training for Direct Care
Transitions from High School to Community

Enclosed are the directions and all information you need to send us a proposal. Please submit your proposal to Becca Schroeder at The Arc of Illinois, 9980 190th St., Suite C, Mokena, IL 60448, no later than December 3, 2021. Call Becca at 815-464-1832 if you have any questions at all on the proposal process, convention topics or the deadline.

We look forward to your participation in our next Annual Convention. Thank you.



Call for Presentations

2022 Annual Convention

General Instructions

All proposals must be in English and reflect the values of The Arc. The Arc believes that all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are citizens with the same rights and responsibilities as other citizens. Based on these rights, The Arc believes that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are people first. A disability should receive attention only when it is relevant and always in a respectful manner. 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 presenting authors before mailing. Please review your abstract for accuracy as well as correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Presentation Formats

These breakout sessions are individual oral presentations within the **program, or managerial track** and should be **45, 60 or 75** minutes in length, including time for questions. Please share on your proposal your preferred amount of time. The Committee will do their best to schedule breakout sessions based on the needs of the Convention and the topic being discussed.

Program Sessions should address the issues encountered by persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, direct care staff, QIDPs and agencies serving them, including but not limited to: advocacy, assessment, behavioral interventions, choice, quality enhancement, self-determination, etc.

Management Sessions should address the issues encountered by managers today and in the future, such as supervisory training, staff development, management of financial resources, recruitment and retention of staff, leadership skills, etc.

Final Preparation

1. Complete the enclosed form and return it along with a one page abstract of your presentation for the committee to review, as well as the description of no more than 30 words. This description will be used in the conference brochure and will determine your audience. It should be clear, concise and specific.
2. Include a short bio and current resume for each presenter.
3. Mail to: The Arc of Illinois, 9980 190th St., Suite C, Mokena, IL 60448 or E-mail to becca@thearcofil.org or fax to 815-464-5292.
4. The deadline for the form, abstract, bio and resume is December 3, 2021.
5. All presentations must use Universal Design and be submitted ahead of time to review accessibility.

The Convention Committee will review proposals for their relevance, as well as clarity and compatibility with scheduling limitations and the values of The Arc. The time given for each presentation will be based on the topic and the needs of the Convention. Decisions of the Convention Committee regarding acceptance and scheduling are final and will be made no later than January 1, 2022.



The Arc of Illinois 72nd Annual Convention 2022

(circle one):

- A. *Individual*
- B. Panel (4 maximum)

Proposal Information Form

(Return with Abstract and Bio by December 3, 2021)

Track (circle one):

- A. Program
- B. Managerial

SESSION TITLE: _____

EACH SPEAKER MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM

Name:	Title:
Employer/Affiliation:	
Address (will be published in Program):	Phone:
	Work Phone:
	Fax:
	E-mail:
Preferred Length of Presentation (circle one):	
A. 45 minutes B. 60 minutes C. 75 minutes	
Audio/Visual Equipment Needs:	
Share if you will be bringing your own equipment, such as a laptop or LCD Projector:	
Special accommodations needed:	
State below, in 30 words or less, a short description of your presentation for the convention brochure and program:	