



TO: Parties Interested in Services to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

FROM: Jim Casey and Cathy Arrowsmith, Co-Chairs
MACDDS Conference Committee

DATE: April 13, 2009

SUBJECT: **CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS – 2009 MACDDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 15-16, 2009, LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI**

The **Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)** Annual conference will be held October 15-16, 2009, at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. The theme is **Infinite Possibilities**.

Potential session topics of broad interest among our members for inclusion in the conference include the following:

- Partnership Possibilities
- Human Resources
- Technology
- Programs/Supports of Excellence or Best Practices
- Access
- Grants/Grant Writing/Fundraising
- Outreach/Public Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Aging Population
- Infinite Possibilities in Prevention
- Employment Possibilities
- Taking Care of Yourself

Attached are general descriptions of session topics. Visit the MACDDS website at www.macdds.org regularly for new information about the MACDDS 2009 Annual Conference.

MACDDS members and other interested organizations are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. Presentations are expected to last 60 minutes, and can include limited time for questions. Please keep the timeframe and conference theme in mind when submitting session topics and titles.

The deadline for completing the Call for Conference Presentations is **May 15, 2009**. If you would like to discuss a potential topic before submitting an abstract, please do not hesitate to email the MACDDS office at cabllc@earthlink.net or call 573-632-2700.

Partnership Possibilities

Workshops in this category will focus on partnerships that reinforce and promote, with the support of families, guardians, advocates, and communities, the self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

Human Resources

Workshops in this category may focus on issues related to recruiting, selecting, evaluating, developing, and compensating employees or the basics of effective supervision including worker motivation, leadership styles and practices, managing conflict, communication with workers, selection, promotion, training, counseling, evaluation and discipline within the confines of front-line management.

Technology

Workshops in this category will focus on information technology that improves services to individuals with developmental disabilities as well as technology that enhances operations of organizations that provide administrative or direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Technology may include but not be limited to databases, information systems, internet/web-based technology, assistive technology, etc.

Programs/Supports of Excellence or Best Practices

This session will focus on presentations concerning best practices or innovative programs related to education and early intervention, employment, formal and informal community services, health, housing, quality assurance, recreation and transportation, etc. Special interests are practices related to targeted case management.

Access

Sessions under this topic will be related to programs or innovative collaborations that address access to services through transportation or involve coordination among multiple disciplines to leverage additional funds for improving access.

Grants/Grant Writing/Fundraising

Workshops in this category will enhance performance in the areas of grant writing, grant maker research/relations, and program/organizational planning or how to conduct successful fundraisers from start to finish with examples of specific fundraisers, funding generated, etc.

Outreach/Public Awareness

Sessions in this category will focus on the importance of outreach and how to obtain the engagement of the general public and important interest groups or stakeholders, such as local and state policy makers. Topics might address elements of advocacy efforts and/or specific outcomes

achieved as a result of outreach or advocacy efforts. Elements might include how to use data and research for advocacy, identifying advocacy audiences, developing and delivering advocacy messages, making persuasive presentations, etc.

Emergency Preparedness

Sessions under this topic will be related to types of training available to employees and employers, improvements in emergency preparedness, and efforts to increase public awareness of security issues. Specific examples where multiple disciplines came together to manage a specific incident, such as rescues, evacuations, relocations, repairs and service restoration, would be ideal.

Aging Population

Workshops in this category will focus on the impact of individuals with developmental disabilities aging – particularly as people with lifelong conditions are living longer. Topics might include developing an emergency planning guide, which describes the adult child's goals, lifestyle, health needs and preferences; advance directives, living wills, health-care proxies, and "Do Not Resuscitate Orders"; and/or changing roles of siblings, etc.

Infinite Possibilities in Prevention

Workshops in this category will focus on prevention of abuse and neglect, substance abuse prevention, preventable hospitalizations, etc. Presentations may focus on strengthening families, fetal alcohol syndrome prevention, physical activity promotion for chronic disease prevention, and more.

Employment Possibilities

Session in this category will present programs of excellence that assist individuals with developmental disabilities to obtain jobs, increase public and employer awareness of hiring persons with developmental disabilities; or focus on hiring persons with severe disabilities.

Taking Care of Yourself or Others

Sessions in this category will focus on taking care of oneself. These workshops may include grief counseling, stress relief programs, yoga, various therapies, positive touch and positive thought, and more.

Other

If you have an abstract for a workshop session that you believe fits well with the theme of *Infinite Possibilities* that does not fall within one of the above categories, please submit your abstract under this category and it will be reviewed and considered for a new conference track.

**Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services**
2009 MACDDS Annual Conference
October 15-16, 2009 * Lodge of the Four Seasons
Lake Ozark, MO



DATE: _____

PROPOSED PRESENTATION SUBMITTAL FORM

1. NAME OF PRESENTER: _____
TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

2. Title of Presentation: _____

3. Topic Areas – Check (✓) all that apply
 - Partnership Possibilities
 - Human Resources
 - Technology
 - Programs/Supports of Excellence or Best Practices
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 - Other

4. **ABSTRACT:** Please attach an abstract of **no more than one page** describing the subject to be presented.

5. Technology Requirements (computer, projector, audio-visual equipment): _____

6. I do not have a presentation, but I am interested in:
 - Moderating a session
 - More information on Exhibiting at the Conference

**PLEASE EMAIL THIS SUBMISSION FORM AND THE ABSTRACT BY MAY 15, 2009 TO:
Doris Boeckman at cablrc@earthlink.net or by mail to 606 Dix Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109**

NOTE: This opportunity is open to MACDDS members and others interested in issues pertaining to individuals with developmental disabilities. If you are interested in becoming a member of MACDDS, contact Doris Boeckman, MACDDS Executive Coordinator, at 573-632-2700.